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Valley Weekend
Find out how Mid-Mon Valley residents spent their weekend.

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Dems called cowards

State Rep. John Perzel wants to eliminate property taxes for senior citizens.

By BRAD BUMSTED
For The Valley independent
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HARRISBURG – Former House Speaker John Perzel on Friday accused the House Democratic leadership of a "cowardly act" for recessing in the midst of a tax relief debate.

He challenged the Democrats' ability to lead and their decision to "run and hide" rather than pass a bill to wipe out seniors' property taxes.

"It is unconscionable that the Democrats would shut down the House of Representatives while we were in the middle of serious debate on property tax relief," Perzel said. "I have never seen such a cowardly act in all my 30 years in the Legislature.

"It is unfortunate these so-called leaders would choose to run and hide instead of forging ahead and staying in session to do the work we were elected to do." .

Perzel, a Philadelphia Republican, made a renewed push to provide school property tax elimination for seniors making $40,000 or less.

Tom Andrews, a spokesman for House Democratic Leader Bill DeWeese, of Greene County, declined comment.

All property owners are slated to receive property tax cuts under the 2004 slot machine casino law. On average, they will get about $99 this year – the first payment under the 3 1/2-year-old law. Eventually, $200 a year is projected for all homeowners.

But Perzel proposes to take money intended for all homeowners and eliminate property taxes for lower-income seniors.

In a letter to the state's newspapers, Perzel said, "The choice is between putting an average of $200 over the course of the year – or $3.85 a week – in the pockets of every property owner regardless of income, or eliminating an average school district property tax bill of just under $2,000 for seniors on fixed incomes throughout Pennsylvania."

The House recessed Wednesday rather than staying through

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Comcast pulls plug on CUTV

The company wants Cal U to fork over about $120,000 a year for its spot on the dial.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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Comcast recently stopped broadcasting CUTV, a move that caught the leader of the California University of Pennsylvania television station off guard and without a portion of its market for local programming.

J.R. Wheeler, Cal U assistant dean of students services/media, said the decision by Comcast "came out of nowhere."

Wheeler said Comcast sent the university a letter seeking to make the university television station a leased access channel. Comcast was seeking $2,300 a week in fees – close to $120,000 annually – for the right to carry CUTV programming on its basic cable service.

That fee, Wheeler said, is based on the CUTV on-air schedule: 4 p.m. to midnight Mondays through Saturdays and 8 a.m. to midnight Sundays.

Wheeler called the previous relationship with Comcast a "win-win" arrangement that began about 10 years ago with the cable provider's predecessor, TCI.

Wheeler said CUTV does not generate profit. The station's budget is $60,000, plus professional staff salaries. The station runs some commercials for some university corporate sponsors – such as Pepsi and Pro Grass – as a thank you for their support of Cal U. The station does not profit from those ads.

"We do it to educate the students and provide some services to the community," he said.

Wheeler estimated the move by Comcast effectively cut CUTV's audience by about 20 percent. CUTV also is broadcast on Atlantic Broadband and Armstrong cable. The later is the host cable company for California borough.

"We previously had a leased access agreement with the university that expired," Comcast spokesman Bob Grove said. "The university is in discussions with us about the possibility of continuing the programs on the systems."

Wheeler, however, said the only agreement the university previously had with Comcast was for the cable company to provide a channel on the dial at no cost. Wheeler said he knows of no discussions between Comcast and the university to pay for that spot.

Cal U's past relationship with Comcast is not unique.

Robert Morris University's television station, RMU-TV, is broadcast by Comcast on Channel 98 to cable subscribers in the Moon Township area as well as parts of Coraopolis and Sewickley Township, university spokesman

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Associated Press
Montana Elder, 12, of Belfont, Pa., looks over one of the plastic groundhogs Friday that decorate Punxsutawney. Elder and her family visited the town where weather-forecasting groundhog Punxsutawney Phil predicts the duration of winter.

Mixed weather expected as Phil mulls winter's end

Spring-like weather is coming as temperatures soar into the 50s by Tuesday.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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As the world waited the prediction of Punxsutawney Phil this morning, Mid-Mon Valley residents were sure to see signs of spring over the next few days – this after battling icy road conditions Friday morning and evening.

In a special weather statement issued Friday evening, the National Weather Service in Moon Township warned that slick spots were possible. The combination of moisture from rain earlier with temperatures falling below freezing had the potential to cause icy conditions on untreated surfaces.

The National Weather Service warned motorists to be cautious, especially on elevated surface such as on bridges, overpasses and highway ramps.

This followed icy road conditions Friday morning that caused school delays throughout the region.

It's been an "up and down winter," full of major temperature swings such as the one the region will see this week noted Rodney Smith, meteorologist for National weather Service in Moon Township

Temperatures are expected to reach the low 40s today and mid-40s Sunday.

The thermometer should reach 50 Monday and the mid-50s on Tuesday before a chance of snow arrives again Wednesday with highs near 40.

Smith said those weather patterns have been caused by general storm fronts pushing farther north into Canada. That means the core of the jet streams has been farther north this winter, allowing warm air from southeastern states to move farther north up here.

> "That's up to the groundhog."
> RODNEY SMITH, NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

The forecast for this winter was for warmer than normal temperatures. Smith said the temperatures will be above normal for next the 14 days.

Still, above normal temperatures for winter in this region can still be chilly.

So does that mean spring is just around the corner?

"That's up to the groundhog," Smith said.

Exxon Mobil reports cash gusher

The petroleum giant cashed in on oil that hovered around $100 a barrel.

By JOHN PORRETTO
AP Business Writer

HOUSTON – Suppose Exxon Mobil decided to return the favor and buy you a tank of gas. Then again, why stop there? The oil giant turned a profit last year fat enough to buy a fill-up for every car, truck and SUV in America – four times.

Beating its own record to rack up the largest annual corporate profit in American history, Exxon Mobil Corp. said Friday it earned $40.6 billion for the year, reaping the benefits of crude-oil prices around $100 a barrel.

Exxon Mobil also topped its own record for profit in a single quarter, posting net income of $11.7 billion for the final three months of the year – about $1 billion more than the same period in 2005, the previous quarterly record.

The annual profit was enough, at $3 a gallon, to buy nearly four 15-gallon fill-ups for the roughly 243 million registered passenger vehicles on American roads. Put another way, it's almost equal to what Microsoft has offered to buy Yahoo outright.

And the quarterly profit alone is about the same as the size of the entire economy of Iceland or Namibia. The previous record for annual profit was $39.5 billion, posted by Exxon Mobil in 2006.

Chevron Corp., No. 2 behind Exxon Mobil among U.S. oil companies, also had its best year ever in 2007, saying Friday that it banked a profit of $18.7 billion.

The results were eye-popping but not a total surprise: For most of the fourth quarter, oil prices hovered around $90 a barrel, 50 percent higher than a year earlier. Crude reached an all-time high of $100.09 on Jan. 3 but has fallen about 10 percent since.

Revenue at Exxon Mobil rose 30 percent in the fourth quarter to $116.6 billion from $90 billion a year ago. For the year, sales rose to $404.5 billion – a figure just slightly lower than the U.S. Defense Department's fiscal 2007

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Yesteryear

Mike Smorecznak drives his brand new 1939 Harley Davidson motorcycle. The photo was submitted by his niece, Joanna Granato, of Coal Center.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Cowards (FROM PAGE ONE)

yesterday to tackle property tax relief.

Democrats, who control the chamber, sent lawmakers home after Perzel's amendment won broad bipartisan support. They refused to call up the bill to which Perzel's amendment was attached.

DeWeese on Thursday blasted Perzel's move as an "act of political aggression."

He continued to insist on broad-based tax relief, but said the best option might be to send a menu of tax-relief bills – including Perzel's – to the Senate.

DeWeese characterized Perzel's move as "an attempt to gain political advantage."

DeWeese's own bill raises the state's 6 percent sales tax by half of a percentage point to reduce property taxes across the board.

"The reason we recessed the House is to let it percolate over the weekend," DeWeese said.

The House returns to session Monday, but won't take up property tax reform for a while.

"We're in no hurry," DeWeese said.

Chuck Ardo, press secretary for Gov. Ed Rendell, said "no" when asked whether the governor supports Perzel's measure. But Ardo stopped short of saying he would veto it.

"The governor believes property tax relief ought to be broad-based and that homeowners of all ages are looking for reduced property taxes," Ardo said.

Asked if the governor would veto the seniors-only bill, Ardo said, "I would have to see if the bill survives the Legislature."

Perzel said he is pushing for legislation to " keep a long overdue promise to our most vulnerable" citizens.

House Democratic Policy Chairman Todd Eachus of Luzerne County said the Perzel measure pits "grandmother against granddaughter."

But targeting seniors for full elimination of school property taxes comes from years of watching other tax-relief bills fail, Perzel said.

"The Pennsylvania General Assembly has debated the best way to achieve property tax relief for decades with virtually no success," he said.

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U.S. employers slash payroll

Factories, construction companies, mortgage brokers and real estate firms led the way.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – In a shower of pink slips, U.S. employers cut jobs last month for the first time in more than four years, the starkest signal yet that the economy is grinding to a halt if it hasn't already toppled into recession.

Conditions are deteriorating, according to the latest employment snapshot by the Labor Department, which showed nervous employers slicing payrolls by 17,000.

The country hadn't seen such a nationwide job loss since 2003, when employers were still struggling to recover from the last previous recession.

"We are certainly on thin ice," said John Silvia, chief economist at Wachovia.

And even President Bush, normally a cheerleader for the economy, said there were "serious signs" it was weakening.

Wall Street, however, took the news in stride. The Dow Jones industrials rose 92.83 points to 12,743.19.

Job losses were widespread in January. Factories, construction companies, mortgage brokers and real-estate firms were among those eliminating jobs – casualties of the housing bust and credit crunch. The government cut jobs for the first time since last July.

All those cuts swamped job gains in education, health care, retailing and elsewhere.

The unemployment rate actually dipped slightly to 4.9 percent, from 5 percent in December, as people left the labor force.

"Discouraged by a sluggish job market, many more adults are sitting on the sidelines," said Peter Morici, an economist and business professor at the University of Maryland.

Wage growth also slowed, another indication of belt-tightening. Smaller wage gains could make people who still have jobs – already squeezed by high energy prices – reluctant to spend, further hurting the economy.

President Bush prodded Congress anew to quickly pass an economic rescue package.

On Capitol Hill, Democratic and Republican supporters of a stimulus package – including tax rebates for people and tax breaks for businesses – agreed the gloomy employment report underscored a need for urgency. The package is pending in the Senate, where there are disputes over attempts to expand it.

The Democratic presidential contenders, Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois, said the job losses were evidence of failed Bush policies.

"We are sliding into a second Bush recession," Clinton said.

Obama called the employment figures "troubling news" and encouraged Congress to extend unemployment benefits "for more time and to more people."

To help ease the credit crisis, the Federal Reserve announced it would provide cash-strapped banks with an additional $60 billion in short-term loans through auctions later this month. The Fed started the auctions in December and has already provided $100 billion in loans to banks.

Comcast (FROM PAGE ONE)

Jonathan Potts said. Robert Morris does not pay Comcast to have the station broadcast by the cable provider, Potts said. RMU-TV is available to basic cable subscribers.

Wheeler said the decision by Comcast means Mid-Mon Valley programming – such as high school football and the Monessen Elementary Center choir concert – won't be seen in Valley communities which are covered by Comcast. CUTV also broadcasts Valley Views, hosted by Bob Burke, managing editor of *The Valley Independent*.

"It's disappointing because we've had a great relationship with that region for a number of years," Wheeler said.

Exxon (FROM PAGE ONE)

budget.

Exxon Mobil, which produces 3 percent of the world's oil, pegged high commodity prices as the driver for its results but also touted its far-reaching businesses.

"We continued to supply crude oil and natural gas volumes to meet the world's energy needs through disciplined development and operation of our globally diverse resource base," said Chairman Rex Tillerson.

But at a time when many fear the U.S. economy is sliding into a recession — or is in one already — not everyone was applauding the results.

With the economy weakening and the prospect of $4-a-gallon gas looming for spring and summer, the hefty oil profits immediately renewed charges that Big Oil was profiting at the expense of most Americans.

Within hours of Exxon Mobil and Chevron reporting their results, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Senate Finance Committee, urged Congress to repeal tax breaks for the oil industry.

"Congratulations to Exxon Mobil and Chevron – for reminding Americans why they cringe every time they pull into a gas station and for reminding Washington why it needs to act swiftly to break our dependence on foreign oil and roll back unnecessary tax incentives for oil companies," Schumer said.

The Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights called for greater regulation of energy trading markets. The watchdog group has said congressional moves for more market oversight have been blocked by the oil industry's powerful lobbying efforts.

Many analysts believe speculative investors played a role in driving oil prices above $100.

"There's no excuse for continued inaction by Congress and the White House," said Judy Dugan, the consumer group's research director.

The criticism is nothing new to Irving-based Exxon Mobil, which has reported gargantuan profits in recent years during spikes in commodity prices. Those spikes typically make it more costly for consumers to fill their tanks and heat their homes.

In 2005, when the price for a gallon of gas first hit $3, top oil executives were hauled before federal lawmakers to explain profits and assure customers they weren't being gouged.

Industry representatives say it's important to note oil companies invest large portions of their profits back into their businesses. Exxon Mobil, for example, said Friday its spending on capital and exploration projects increased to nearly $21 billion last year, up 5 percent from 2006.

It also noted its U.S. tax bill from 2002 to 2006 was $59.9 billion, and that its worldwide effective income tax rate for 2006 was 43 percent.

What's more, finding new supplies of oil and gas is becoming increasingly more expensive and difficult. The recent boom has pushed up prices for labor and equipment, and forced the companies into more remote, challenging environments.

"These companies continue to face formidable reserve replacement, production growth and cost challenges," Moody's Investors Service said in a recent note.

Higher commodity prices were clearly evident from earnings at Exxon Mobil's exploration and production arm, where net income rose 32 percent to $8.2 billion.

Exxon's production increased nearly 1 percent from the fourth quarter of 2006, driven by higher demand for natural gas in Europe.

Excluding Exxon assets that were taken over by the Venezuelan government last year and other factors, production rose nearly 3 percent.

Refining and marketing earnings came to $2.3 billion, up from nearly $2 billion in the same quarter a year ago, as improved refining operations offset lower U.S. refining margins.

Refining margins — the difference between the cost of crude and what the company makes on refined products such as gasoline — have been squeezed in recent months as spiking oil prices outpaced increases in gasoline prices and other refined products.

They also affected Chevron's quarterly earnings, which rose 29 percent to $4.88 billion as higher oil prices offset weakness in the refining sector. Revenue also rose 29 percent to $61.41 billion.

Exxon Mobil declared a quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share earlier this week — in line with its past several quarters.

Valley briefs

Counterfeiting sentence imposed

A Pittsburgh man was sentenced in federal court for his conviction on passing counterfeit money on three occasions, including two Mid-Mon Valley locations.

Anthony Rose, 27, of 1458 Franklin Ave. was ordered to serve three year's probation and to pay $2,440 in restitution Friday by U.S. District Judge Gary L. Lancaster.

According to court records, Rose attempted to pass $2,440 in counterfeit money to his landlord in California and $20 at the Rostraver Township Giant Eagle as well as $345 at the Giant eagle in Edgewood.

Conneaut ballroom destroyed by fire

CONNEAUT LAKE (AP) – Fire destroyed a historic building at a financially-strapped amusement park in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Emergency medical technicians returning from a car accident at about 2 a.m. Friday discovered the fire at the 99-year-old Dreamland Ballroom at Conneaut Lake Park in Crawford County, park general manager George Deshner said.

About 16 fire companies responded, but the ballroom burned to the ground, fire officials said.

Fake prosecutor enters guilty plea

PITTSBURGH (AP) – A 33-year-old Pittsburgh-area man has pleaded guilty to impersonating a federal prosecutor.

Prosecutors say Jerry Pratt of Brentwood pretended to be an assistant U.S. Attorney in December 2006 when he was trying to get a promotion at his employer.

Prosecutors say Pratt made telephone calls pretending to be a federal prosecutor and falsely claiming he had a clean criminal record. Pratt has pleaded guilty to a charge of impersonating a federal officer. He is scheduled to be sentenced on May 8.

Death sentence ordered in murder

NEW CASTLE (AP) – A 36-year-old New Castle man has been sentenced to death for the shotgun killing of his girlfriend.

Dennis Reed was convicted of first-degree murder on Thursday in the Dec. 16, 2001, killing of 28-year-old Wendy Miller. She disappeared two days after getting a restraining order against Reed. Miller's body was found days later in a remote area. He also was convicted of kidnapping Miller's children.

Coach's Clinic planned at MVH

Former Steelers' lineman Craig Wolfley will serve as keynote speaker.

For The Valley Independent

CARROLL TOWNSHIP – Monongahela Valley Hospital will sponsor a workshop to help young area athletes.

The Mon Valley Coach's Clinic will take place 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 8 in the hospital's Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center.

The event will provide information on such topics as:

Wolfley

- How to prevent sports-related injuries through proper conditioning, nutrition and fitness techniques.
- Tobacco avoidance.
- MRSA bacteria.

The event is open to area students, teachers, coaches and parents. The clinic will provide information about general sports, coaching and instructional information.

Former Steelers' offensive lineman Craig Wolfley will serve as keynote speaker.

Wolfley is a member of the Steelers' broadcast team.

The following also will speak:

- University of Pittsburgh strength and conditioning coach Buddy Morris.
- Athlete Monica Morris. Monica Morris is married to Buddy Morris.
- Anne Lail, of the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss tobacco prevention.
- Slippery Rock University tight end Frank Cremonese will present "Strength Training After Injury."
- Gene Belczyk, Center for Fitness and Health, will present "Sports Specific Flexibility."

Parking and lunch will be provided free.

MVH staff members will man informational booths.

Colleges and universities will provide information about academic and athletic programs.

The event will be sponsored by MVH. the American Respiratory Alliance, The Center for Fitness and Health, and the Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition.

Seating is limited. To register, call (724) 258-1318.

Associated Press

Dr. Cyril Wecht enters the federal courthouse in Pittsburgh.

Wecht has 2 court dates

The noted pathologist is scheduled to testify in the Ellerbe lawsuit.

By The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH – Celebrity pathologist Cyril Wecht is slated to be an expert witness for two state troopers accused of wrongfully shooting a 12-year-old Uniontown boy – a trial that will happen in the same courthouse and at the same time as Wecht's federal fraud trial.

Wecht, who has gained fame for his inquiries into the deaths of celebrities and famous political figures, is on trial for allegedly using his former Allegheny County Coroner's staff to run errands that benefited himself and his lucrative private practice.

His criminal trial should still be going when, on Feb. 11, the troopers will begin defending themselves in a civil rights lawsuit filed by the father of Michael Ellerbe. Ellerbe was shot in a Uniontown alley in 2002 while running from a stolen SUV.

Wecht said, "There'll be no problem," with serving as an expert for state police while also assisting in his defense. His attorneys said scheduling conflicts likely will be resolved by the judges presiding at each trial.

Wecht attorney Jerry McDevitt, who has said the criminal case against his client consists of overblown accusations against a venerable public servant, noted the juxtaposition of Wecht as government target and government witness.

"That's what's ludicrous about this," McDevitt said. "He'll be walking down the hall to be an expert witness for the state police."

Wecht's opinion supports the police version in the Ellerbe case. Attorneys for Ellerbe's father, Michael Hickenbottom, have characterized that version as a cover-up.

Police say Ellerbe was driving the SUV, but Hickenbottom's attorneys say witnesses saw someone else at the wheel, meaning there was no reason for them to chase Ellerbe.

The troopers said they thought Ellerbe might be armed. Hickenbottom's attorneys said the troopers were within two feet of Ellerbe when the chase began and could clearly see he was unarmed.

Trooper Samuel Nassan testified in a coroner's hearing that he fired one shot at Ellerbe because he thought the boy shot his partner, Juan Curry, during the foot chase. The shot Nassan heard came from Curry's gun when it accidentally fired as it snagged on a fence, police later concluded.

'Nice guy' mayor: N-word not slur

The police chief, a black man, said the comment stunned him.

By The Associated Press

ELLWOOD CITY, Pa. – The mayor had already ordered the police force to ignore its chief – who was not certified to carry a gun or make arrests – when things between the two officials really got ugly.

Ellwood City Mayor Don Clyde, 76, used the N-word in a conversation last year with then-newly hired police Chief Richard McDonald, who is black.

Clyde denied being racist, saying later that it was a commonly used term when he was growing up, without good or bad connotations.

"I was making him aware, should he be in the other room or something and overhear it, it's not meant toward him," Clyde said. "I was trying to make him feel at home, to be a nice guy."

Residents say the epithet is hardly the norm in this quiet community of 8,700.

Lawrence County commissioners have demanded Clyde's resignation.

The chief, who enjoys broad support, said he was stunned by the slur.

"I'm sitting there in shock," McDonald said. "I said, 'You're going to tell me you're going to be using that word ... and that I'm supposed to get on board with that?'"

The dispute has caught the attention of authorities beyond Ellwood City. On Thursday, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission began an investigation that could lead to a formal hearing and penalties for the borough.

Neither Clyde nor McDonald responded to telephone messages seeking comment. Residents and officials said, the remark was just the latest chapter in a continuing struggle over the mayor's role in overseeing the police force.

McDonald, 38, became the first black on the 14-member force when he took the helm in May. Ellwood City, still trying to regain its economic footing after the collapse of the regional steel industry, has a marginal black population.

McDonald previously had been a Pittsburgh homicide detective and was a special agent for the state attorney general until May 2006.

But he was not certified by the state as a police officer when he began work in Ellwood City. An employment contract he signed at the time did not call for it, though he planned to apply, said his attorney, Colleen Ramage Johnston.

Without the certification, McDonald was not permitted to carry a gun, make arrests, transport prisoners or wear a uniform. Because of that, Mayor Clyde circulated a memo to police on Jan. 15 saying McDonald should no longer be referred to as chief, and that a police lieutenant had been placed in charge of the department.

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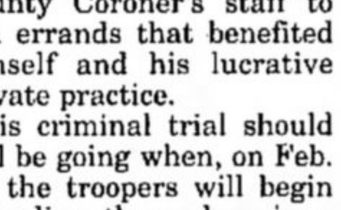

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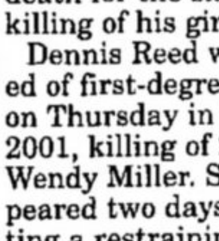

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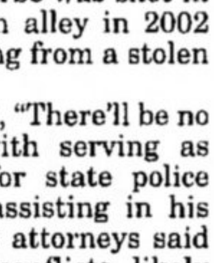

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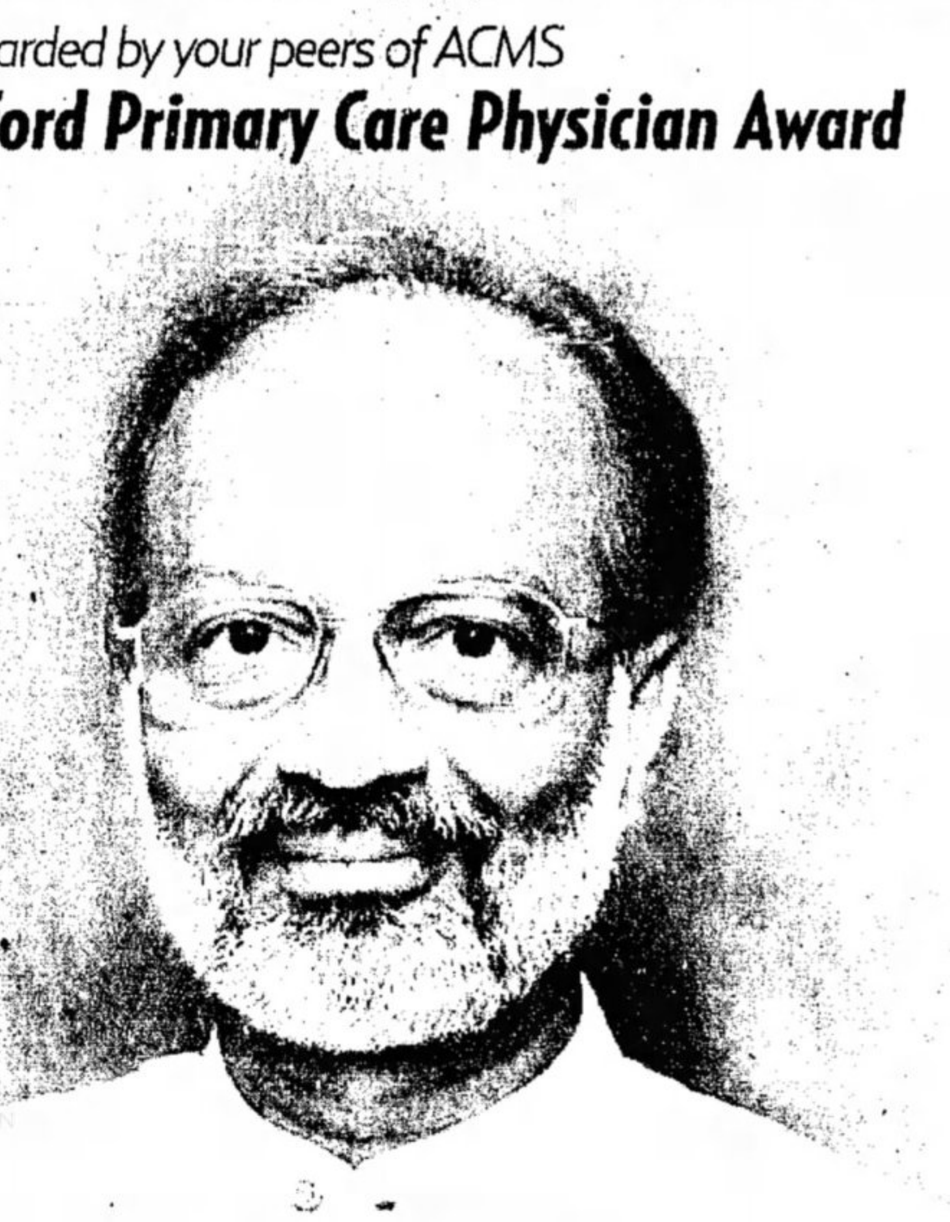

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PREVIOUS DEATHS:
DUDA, Chester A. Sr.*
TEGI, Albert S.*
*** See death notice**

Chester A. Duda Sr.
Belle Vernon
(Rostraver Township)

Chester A. Duda Sr., 96, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Wednesday, January 30, 2008, in Allegheny General Hospital as a result of injuries from a fall in his home on January 17, 2008. Born in LaSalle, Ill., on November 21, 1911, he was the son of the late John Duda Sr. and Julia (Widuch) Duda. Mr. Duda graduated from Carnegie Mellon University, where he was a member of the Beta Kappa Nu Honors Fraternity. He was a retired Maintenance Foreman from US Steel, Donora Site and from Hays Army Ammunition Plant in Pittsburgh. He was a founding member of the Church of St. Anne in Rostraver Township and was a member of the Rostraver Township Lions Club and Rostraver Food Bank. He was a past volunteer for Meals on Wheels and the Boy Scouts. Mr. Duda also served as a Captain in the U.S. Army during World War II in the South Pacific Theater and ended his Military Career as a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Margaret (Marconyak) Duda; four sons, John F. Duda Sr. and wife, Linda, of Coal Center, Chester A. Duda Jr. of Rostraver Township, Joseph J. Duda, of Mount Morris, and Michael J. Duda, of Rostraver Township; three daughters, Julie (Duda) Malena and husband, Bob, of Rostraver Township, Margaret (Duda) Scharback and husband, Rob, of Shoreham, N.Y., and Catherine A. (Duda) Karimi and husband, Borhanullah, of Lorton, Va.; 11 grandchildren, Charlotte Duda, Major John F. Duda Jr. U.S.A.F., Rachel (Duda) Abel, Matthew Duda, J.R. Malena, Rebecca Malena, Scott Butler, Hanna Karimi, Aishah Karimi, Sultan Karimi and Eman Karimi; two great-grandchildren, Cecelia and Sophia Duda; two brothers, Alex Duda, of Rostraver Township, and Edwin Duda, of Miami, Fla.; and sister, Genevieve (Duda) Tomasik, of Donora. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, John Duda Jr., Stephen Duda and Thaddeus Duda; and a sister, Florence (Duda) Fernandez. Friends will be received on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m., Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 4, until 9:30 a.m. in the JAMES C. STUMP FUNERAL HOME INC., 580 Circle Drive, Belle Vernon/Rostraver Township (724-929-7934), www.jamesstumpfuneralhome.com. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 10 a.m. in the Church of St. Anne, Rostraver Township, with his pastor, the Rev. Ronald L. Simboli, presiding. Interment, with Full Military Honors, conducted by the VFW Post No. 7023, Perryopolis, will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Rostraver Food Bank, the Rostraver Lions Club, or the Rostraver Library. The Rostraver Township Lions Club will hold a service on Sunday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Charles R. Harbutz
Belle Vernon

Charles R. Harbutz, 57, of Belle Vernon, passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2008. He was a Vietnam veteran with the U.S. Marine Corps and a brakeman for the P&LE Railroad. Mr. Harbutz enjoyed walking his dog, Missy. Survivors include a special friend, Donna Spishock; one daughter, Marnie Jo Harbutz; one sister, Carole A. Fosbaugh; five nieces, eight great-nieces, six great-nephews, and one great-great-nephew. He was preceded in death by one sister, Cecelia Williams. Visitation will be held Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME, 6364 Library Road (Route 88), Library. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Church, Finleyville. Interment will be in Finleyville Cemetery with full military honors.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Bridgit Lewis
Mt. Lebanon

Bridgit Amatangelo Lewis, 98, died Thursday, January 31, 2008, in Golden Living Center of Mt. Lebanon. She was born April 24, 1909, in Wilen, a daughter of the late Giovanni and Luisa Rigazzi Amatangelo. She was an employee of American Steel and Wire Co. prior to retirement. Surviving is a daughter, Donna Daugherty, of Pittsburgh; a granddaughter, Kimberly D. Shipp, of Pittsburgh; two great-grandchildren, Logan and Marlee Shipp; three sisters, Eileen Gianamore, of Dover, Evelyn Christina, of Woodstock, Ga., and Gilda Volante, of Belle Vernon; one brother, Chester Amatangelo, of Pittsburgh; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death was her husband, Robert W. Lewis; a brother, Frank Amatangelo; two sisters, Elizabeth Filardi and Sylvia Macko; and a son-in-law, Robert Daugherty. Friends will be received at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, a Golden Rule Funeral Home, from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Feb. 4. Services will be held in the funeral home chapel on Monday at noon, followed by interment in Monongahela Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Emma Jean Milchovich
Formerly of Stockdale

Emma Jean Milchovich, 81, formerly of Stockdale, died Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, in Glendora, Calif. She was born March 13, 1926, in Johnstown, a daughter of the late Andrew and Emma Smith Shaffer. She was Protestant by faith and enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. Survivors include a son, Dan Milchovich and wife, Sue, of Covina, Calif.; daughter, Linda Larson and husband, Bruce, of Gibsonia; three grandchildren, Linsday and Daniel Milchovich, and Jennifer Niccolai; four great-grandchildren, Christina, Kayleigh and Richard Niccolai, and Tyler Milchovich; and a brother and sister, Robert Shaffer and Doris Shaffer, both of Johnstown. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Adam, in 2000. Friends will he received Sunday, February 3, 2008, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., Roscoe, where a funeral service will be Monday, February 4, at 10 a.m. with Pastor John Smith of Grace United Methodist Church officiating. Private entombment will be in the Belle Vernon Cemetery Mausoleum.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Thomas H. Parkinson
Pinehurst, N.C.

Thomas H. Parkinson, 72, of Pinehurst, N.C., died Tuesday, January 29, 2008, at his residence. He was born March 11, 1935, the son of the late Dr. Thomas H. Parkinson and Constance Mabel Edwards Parkinson, of California, Pa. He graduated from California High School in 1953 and from Harvard University, Boston, Mass., in 1957. Mr. Parkinson served with the United States Army and in the reserves from 1957 to 1963. He was a member of the Village Chapel, the Pinehurst Country Club, the MGA, he was a 32nd degree Mason with the Gourgas Masonic Lodge of Perfection, a 14th degree member of the Pennsylvania Council of P and J, a member of the Sandhills Fly Fishermen's Club, the Moore County Wildlife Club and the National Rifle Association. Mr. Parkinson was an executive for LTV Steel Manufacturing Company for 36 years. He retired to Pinehurst several years ago to pursue his interest in golf. Mr. Parkinson studied history extensively and, in particular, the American Civil War and World War II. He had an interest in gun collecting and competitive target shooting. Tom also was a talented wood sculptor, with emphasis on the reproduction of woodland ducks. He recently resumed a previous hobby of fly tying that he and his father both enjoyed. Mr. Parkinson, his father and younger brother enjoyed pheasant and deer hunting in the Uniontown mountains, where they maintained a cabin. Many stories came from that cabin in the mountains, filled with uncles, cousins and friends. While living in North Carolina, Mr. Parkinson, his sons and friends pursued fly fishing in the mountains around Asheville, N.C. He played football at California High School and later freshman football at Harvard University. Throughout his life, he shared an interest in this sport with his father, brother and sons. His father, Dr. Parkinson, was an All-American fullback for the University of Pittsburgh in 1929, played in two Rose Bowl games, and he also played professional football in 1931 and 1932. Mr. Parkinson followed and supported the Pittsburgh Steelers football team and watched every game. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joan Murphy Parkinson; three sons, Dr. Thomas Howard Parkinson Jr., of St. Petersburg, Fla., James Edward Parkinson and wife, Ann Marie, of Alpharetta, Ga., and Scott Charles Parkinson and wife, Karen, of Carmel, Ind.; a daughter, Leigh Ann Parkinson Sullivan and husband, Sean, of Cincinnati, Ohio; a sister, Leslie Ann Parkinson, of California, Pa.; a brother, Joseph Downey Parkinson, of Buffalo, N.Y.; and six grandchildren, Samantha Diane Parkinson, Ashley Ann Parkinson, Amanda Lynn Parkinson, Marin Leigh Parkinson, Jack Thomas' Parkinson and Ryan Thomas Sullivan. A celebration of his life will be held at 2.p.m., Monday, February 4, at the Village Chapel, Pinehurst, N.C., with Dr. Larry Ellis officiating. Services are under the direction of the BOLES FUNERAL HOME, Southern Pines, N.C. Memorial services, with interment alongside his parents, are scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, in Highland Cemetery, California. Graveside services will be conducted at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Thomas Chacko of California United Methodist Church. Arrangements are being handled by the MARISCOTTI FUNERAL HOME INC., Anthony N. Mariscotti, Supervisor, in California. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Special Operation Warrior Foundation, P.O. Box 13483, Tampa, Florida, 33681-3483, or the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina in the Sandhills, 3803 Tarheel Drive, Raleigh, N.C. 27609, or to Village Chapel, P.O. Box 1060, Pinehurst, N.C. 28370, or to the charity of one's choice.

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Mary Overly
Jeannette

Mary Overly, 37, of Jeannette, died Thursday, January 31, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was born September 28, 1970, a daughter of Ronald and Judith Valerio, of Donora. In addition to her parents, she is survived by four children, Dyana Yedlick, of Jeannette, Amanda, Michael and Hannah Overly, of Scottdale; and a brother, Christopher Valerio, of Monessen. Friends will be received Tuesday at the JOSEPH F. OTT FUNERAL HOME INC., 504 Oak St., Irwin (724-863-8900) from 10:30 a.m. to noon, at which time a funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Stanley Petrosky
Belle Vernon
(Fairhope)

Stanley Petrosky, 65, of Belle Vernon (Fairhope), died Friday, February 1, 2008, in his home. A son of the late John and Blanche Melanowski Petrosky, he was born in Fairhope on May 15, 1942. A member of the Belle Vernon American Legion, Post 659, Stanley had resided in Ohio for 30 years where he was employed by General Motors, Lordstown Assembly Plant and returned to Fairhope in 2001. A U.S. Army veteran for 10 years, he was stationed in Germany and Vietnam and several places in the United States. He enjoyed skeet and trap shooting. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Donna Baker Petrosky; one daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Mark Ludwig, of Knoxville, Tenn.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, John and Stephanie Petrosky, of Belle Vernon (Lynnwood), Bryan and Michele Petrosky, of Belle Vernon, and Rick Petrosky of Knoxville, Tenn.; one sister, Kathy Hutchinson, of Fayette City; one brother and sister-in-law, Julius and Janet Petrosky, of Fairhope; and 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, John E. Petrosky, in 1977. Friends will be received Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com, where funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, with the Rev. Larry Wade officiating. Interment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Members of the American Legion will meet in the funeral home to hold services Sunday at 7 p.m.

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Frances Roy
Huntsville, Texas

Frances Roy, 80, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away Sunday, January 20, 2008, in a local nursing home. She is survived by daughters, Audrey Street and Edna Paulman; grandchildren, Ann Marie, Johnny, Micah, Jessica, Amanda, Scott and Allyson, and their fathers, John Street and Mike Tavares; great-granddaughters, Baylie and Isabelle; two sisters, Mildred Niedermeyer and Joan Zubritsky; and numerous nieces and nephews, as well as friends from St. Thomas Parrish and Ella Smither Nursing Facility. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Katherine Wysochanski; five brothers and two sisters; her first husband, Frank Paulman, and her second husband, Victor Roy. The family received relatives and friends Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., during which time the Rosary was recited. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, January 23, 2008, in St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Huntsville. Entombment was Friday, January 25, 2008, in the Arlington Park Cemetery, Jacksonville, Fla. Arrangements were handled by BROOKE FUNERAL SERVICES, 672 Fm 980 Rd., Huntsville, Texas 77320. On-line register book is available at www.brookefuneralservice.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Albert S. Tegi
Monongahela

Albert S. Tegi, 84, of Monongahela, passed away Thursday, January 31, 2008, in Canonsburg General Hospital, Canonsburg. Mr. Tegi was born in Donora on August 31, 1923, the son of the late Michael and Mary (Polgar) Tegi. He retired from U.S. Steel, Clairton Works after 39 years of service. Mr. Tegi was a member of Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church of Charleroi and was a church officer for many years at the former St. Macrina Church of Monongahela. He also belonged to the Dunkirk American Legion Post 949. He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a corporal with the U.S. Army. His tour of duty included the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Liberation of the Philippines, New Guinea, New Britain and Bismarck. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Anna Mae Tegi, on January 31, 1998; a daughter, Judy; a son, Robert; two sisters, Grace Petroskie and Mary Campbell; and five brothers, Mike, Elmer, John, Julius and Joseph. Survivors include two sons, Ronn Tegi and wife, Susan, of Monongahela, and Darrel Tegi and wife, Donna, of Baldwin; a daughter, Diane Post and husband, Terry, of Monongahela; two grandchildren, Allen Tegi, of Pittsburgh, and Kristie Tegi, of Baldwin; and several nieces and nephews. Friends will be received on Sunday, February 3, from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second Street Extension, Donora (724-379-6900), where Panachida services will be held on Monday, February 4, at 10 a.m., followed by a Funeral Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church; Charleroi, at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Fr. James Ragan officiating. Interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery, Monongahela. A Parastas service will be held on Sunday, February 3, at 3 p.m.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Marie Webb
Alvin, Texas

Marie Dorincz Webb, 75, of Alvin, Texas, passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2008. She was born in Monessen on February 16, 1932. She was preceded in death by her father, Steve Dorincz; and brothers, Stefan and Charles B. Dorincz. She is survived by her mother, Mary Dorincz, of Donora; her husband, George W. Webb; daughters, Denise Dorsten and Lisa Koteras; six grandchildren, Patrick, Jason and Katelyn Koteras, and David, Douglas and Kelsie Dorsten; son-in-law, David Dorsten; sister-in-law, Jane Dorincz; and a niece and nephew from Charleroi. A Catholic service was held in Dickinson, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mrs. Webb's memory to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Faye Johnson's Research Program.

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Perhaps
you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair, perhaps you sent a floral spray
if so, I saw it there.
Perhaps you sent a gift of food or gave the use of your car,
perhaps it was a call you made from nearby or afar.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest word as any friend could say,
perhaps you were not there at all or just thought of me that day. Whatever you did to console my heart, I thank you so much, whatever the part.
A special thanks to
Father Yakasick,
Father Joe Oppong,
Arthur Fronzaglio (Organist),
St. Dominics Ladies Rosary &
The Bereavement Committee,
each and every pallbearer,
those who sent floral tributes and masses, Massafra Funeral Home, Donora American Legion Post 212, American Legion Club of Charleroi,
friends, relatives, neighbors and all those who helped in any way to lessen my sorrow in my bereavement after the death of my beloved brother,

Charles Gregory Kovacik
(Montana)
Sister, Julie

In Memory Of
James P. Scirotto
In loving memory of our beloved husband and father, James P. Scirotto, who passed away 46 years ago, February 2, 1962.
Deep in my heart lies a picture of a loved one gone to rest. In Memory's name I will keep it, for he was one of the best.
Sadly missed and loved by
wife & children

Additional obituary can be found on Page 5A

TODAY IN HISTORY

FEBRUARY 2

Today is Saturday, Feb. 2, the 33rd day of 2008. There are 333 days left in the year. This is Groundhog Day.

Today's Highlight:

On Feb. 2, 1943, the remainder of Nazi forces from the Battle of Stalingrad surrendered in a major victory for the Soviets in World War II.

On this date:

■ In 1536, the Argentine city of Buenos Aires was founded by Pedro de Mendoza of Spain.

■ In 1653, New Amsterdam — now New York City — was incorporated.

■ In 1848, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the Mexican-American War, was signed.

■ In 1870, the "Cardiff Giant," supposedly the petrified remains of a human discovered in Cardiff, N.Y., was revealed to be nothing more than carved gypsum.

■ In 1882, Irish poet and novelist James Joyce was born near Dublin.

■ In 1897, fire destroyed the Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg. (A new statehouse was dedicated on the same site nine years later.)

■ In 1948, President Harry Truman sent to Congress a 10-point civil rights program calling for measures against lynching, poll taxes and job discrimination.

■ In 1988, in a speech the broadcast television networks declined to carry live, President Reagan pressed his case for aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

■ In 1996, dancer, actor and choreographer Gene Kelly died at his Beverly Hills, Calif., home; he was 83.

■ **Ten years ago**: President Clinton unveiled a $1.73 trillion budget claiming the first surpluses in 30 years and pumping billions into schools, health and child care. The government released statistics showing deaths from AIDS fell by almost half during the first half of 1997, a decrease attributed to increased use of powerful combinations of medicines.

■ **Five years ago**: The search continued for pieces of the space shuttle Columbia, a day after the spacecraft disintegrated during re-entry over Texas, killing all seven astronauts. A hotel fire in northeastern China killed some three dozen people. An explosion destroyed a bank building in Lagos, Nigeria, killing at least 46 people. The American Football Conference won the Pro Bowl, defeating the National Football Conference 45-20.

■ **One year ago**: Tornadoes killed 21 people in central Florida. A grim report from the world's leading climate scientists and government officials said that global warming was so severe, it would "continue for centuries" and that humans were to blame. Texas Gov. Rick Perry issued an order making Texas the first state to require that schoolgirls get vaccinated against HPV, a sexually transmitted virus that causes cervical cancer.

Associated Press

Pakistani troops patrol Miran Shah, capital of Pakistan's tribal area of North Waziristan, where a suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden car into a military checkpoint.

Strike against al-Qaida results in more violence

The missile attack suggests American intelligence improving.

By The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan – The U.S. missile strike that killed a top al-Qaida commander just over a mile from a Pakistani military base shows how entrenched Islamic militants are in the lawless tribal regions, where extremists have launched increasingly bold attacks.

The targeting of Abu Laith al-Libi also suggests American intelligence is improving and that President Pervez Musharraf is willing to turn a blind eye to attacks along the Afghan border if they avoid civilian casualties.

Pakistan has yet to confirm the death of al-Libi, reported Thursday on Islamic extremist Web sites and confirmed by an American official who said the veteran al-Qaida leader was hit by a missile from a U.S. Predator drone in a village in North Waziristan late Monday.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, called the strike an important moment in the global war on terror, though he refused to provide details or explicitly say al-Libi was the target.

"While this particular strike was very successful and we were very pleased with the outcome, there is still a great deal more work to do," Mullen told a Pentagon news conference Friday, citing a recent increase in al-Qaida violence against targets inside Pakistan.

News of the al-Qaida commander's killing sparked a deadly response from militants.

A suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden car into a military checkpoint Friday about two miles from the missile attack, killing five Pakistani soldiers and wounding five others. The missile destroyed a house belonging to a local tribal leader, Abdul Sattar, known for his links to extremists in a village just over a mile from a base used by Pakistani security forces near Mir Ali, the second-largest town in North Waziristan.

Pakistani intelligence officials say they found the remains of satellite phones and a computer in the wreckage, suggesting the suspects had the ability to communicate outside the remote, rugged region, where land-based phone and Internet links are very limited.

By contrast, Pakistani security forces are largely confined to their bases and the main roads through North Waziristan, and have little capacity to venture into villages like the one targeted Monday night, according to Rahimullah Yousafzai, a respected Pakistani journalist and expert on the Taliban.

The missile strike leaves an increasingly unpopular Musharraf in an awkward position.

While Pakistan, a key U.S. anti-terror ally, would welcome the killing of al-Libi – whose name means "the Libyan" in Arabic – as well as 11 Arab and Central Asian militant suspects, the attack has infringed on its national sovereignty and exposed how terror suspects operate with relative freedom on its soil.

"It shows the presence of al-Qaida in the tribal regions: that there are sanctuaries and that local Taliban are giving them help and networking with them," said Talat Masood, a retired general and defense analyst.

DISTRICT COURT

Mark Wilson

The following cases were brought before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson of Monongahela this week:

■ Matt David Wujick, 24, of 34 Orchard Lane, Monongahela, was charged with driving under the influence and traffic violations Nov. 11 by Carroll Township police. The charges were waived to court.

■ Alfred Figuerroa, 54, of 100 Modisette Ave., Donora, was charged with pubic drunkenness Nov. 22 by Donora police. He was found not guilty.

■ David Johnson, 40, of 440 Sixth St., Donora, was charged with harassment and disorderly conduct Dec. 1 and harassment Dec. 2 by Donora police. He was found not guilty of the charges.

■ James Stonick, 20, of 351 Third St., Smithton, was charged with underage drinking Nov. 20 by Donora police. The case was dismissed.

■ Raymond Izreal Ostrander, 33, of 41 Stone Church Road, Apt. 4, Finleyville, was charged with false identification and hindering apprehension Nov. 10 by Monongahela police. The hindering charge was dismissed and the other charge was waived to court.

■ Jeremiah James Kapfer, 26, of 225 Tyrol Blvd., Belle Vernon, was charged with access device fraud and theft Nov. 15 by Monongahela police. The case was held for court.

■ Thomas Benedict, 60, of 225 Spring St., Bentleyville, was charged with aggravated assault, harassment and disorderly conduct Jan. 4 by Carroll Township police. The charges were held for court.

■ Billie Jo Trilli, 51, of 106 Thompson Ave., Donora, was charged with theft Dec. 31 by Donora police. The charge was held for court.

■ Charles Clawson II, 21, of 514 Liggett Ave., Monongahela, was charged with three counts of DUI, underage drinking and traffic violations Jan. 2 by Monongahela police. Two DUI charges were dismissed and all other charges were waived to court.

Joseph Dalfonso

The following hearings were scheduled Friday in Monessen before Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso:

■ Bruce C. Biagini, 45, of 911 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon; charged with theft by deception Oct. 26 for failure to perform work for which he was paid at Pricedale Union Church. A warrant was issued for failure to appear.

■ Natalie T. Isbell, 23, of 507 Hill St., North Belle Vernon; charged with retail theft Dec. 14 at Wal-Mart. A warrant was issued for failure to appear in court.

■ Nicole Davis, 21, of 141 Wisebecker Lane, Monongahela; charged with criminal conspiracy at Wal-Mart. The case was waived to court.

■ Charles Dickerson, 39, of 221 Delaware St., Monessen; charged with escape, flight to avoid apprehension, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct Jan. 20 on Route 906; charges were waived to court.

■ Johnny Stringa, of 321 Forest St., Monessen; charged with theft of leased property from JC Video, Monessen, on Dec. 7. A warrant was issued for failure to appear in court.

DEATH NOTICES

George M. Witherspoon

Monongahela

(Fallowfield Township)

George Milton Witherspoon, 86, of Monongahela (Fallowfield Township), died Friday, February 1, 2008, in the Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born on December 23, 1921, in Gallatin, a son of the late George and Rebecca Richardson Witherspoon. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Inez Patterson, Emma Mae Revetta and Irma Roman. On June 26, 1948, he married Ora Dickey Witherspoon, who died October 29, 2006. Mr. Witherspoon was a 1939 graduate of Monessen High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, holding the rank of Sergeant in the 8th Weather Squadron from 1942 to 1946. He was employed by Liggett Spring and Axle Company for many years and later retired in 1984 from Corning Glass Works in Charleroi. He was a 50-year member of the Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337 F&AM of Monongahela. In his retirement, he enjoyed gardening and working on gasoline engines. He is survived by his daughter, Judith Witherspoon, and two grandchildren, Heather L. and James W. Carroll, all of Monongahela. Friends will be received on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136), where services will be held on Monday, February 4, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Eugene Spear officiating. Committal services and interment will follow in Maple Creek Cemetery, Charleroi. Henry M. Phillips Lodge No. 337 F&AM will conduct services on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the funeral home.

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POLICE LOG

Monessen

■ A 13-year-old Monessen female and a 12-year-old Monessen female were each charged with harassment after an incident 3:44 p.m. Thursday on Rostraver Street, police said.

California

■ Dana Chantale Gehr, 19, of Reading, was cited for underage drinking 1:54 a.m. Friday on Pennsylvania Avenue, police said.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

One player wins 'Cash 5' prize

HARRISBURG (AP) –One player matched all five winning numbers drawn in Friday's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" game and will collect a jackpot worth $206,155. Lottery officials said 105 players matched four numbers and won $214.50 each; 3,864 players matched three numbers and won $9.50 each; and 48,712 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

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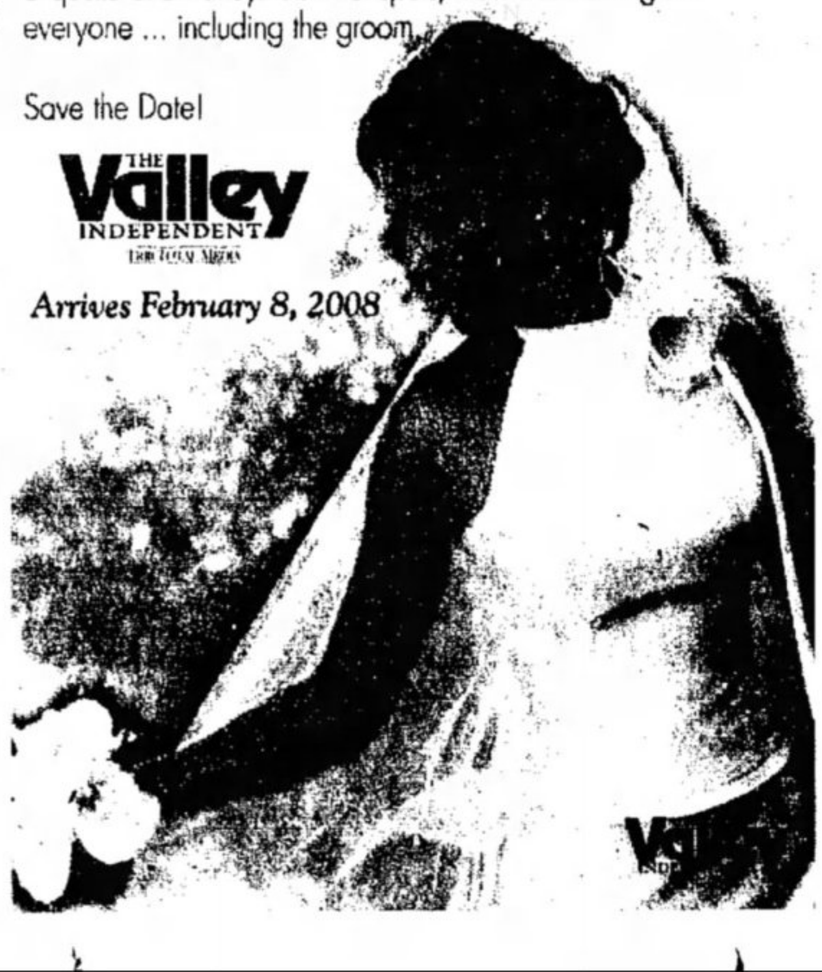

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FRIDAY, FEB. 1, 2008

DAY PICK 3:	8-1-1
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NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	7-7-8-3
TREASURE HUNT:	1-4-8-11-19
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MATCH 6:	13-24-29-30-32-34

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FRIDAY, FEB. 1, 2008

DAY PICK 3:	4-0-7
NIGHT PICK 3:	7-7-8
DAY PICK 4:	7-5-3-9
NIGHT PICK 4:	4-1-6-6
ROLLING CASH 5:	18-19-26-27-39

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

FRIDAY, FEB. 1, 2008

DAILY 3:	7-7-2
DAILY 4:	2-6-6-2
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Cheers 'n Jeers

Here is a critical look at some of the events that helped shape life in the Mid-Mon Valley area during the past week:

To U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, who is using Super Bowl weekend as an opportunity for some grandstanding on the NFL. Pennsylvania's bellicose senator wants the league to explain why evidence was destroyed in the New England Patriots' "spy-gate" scandal. If the NFL doesn't comply, Specter is threatening to pull its antitrust exemption. Congress has more than enough serious problems to address without handling sports disputes. Specter should keep his considerable nose out of this business.

To the eight new members of the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame, who all achieved great success in their chosen sports. Donna DeMarino Sanft, Joe Kurey, John Hewitt, John Wozniak, Gary Hogan, Billy Russell, James "Kayo" Adamson and Bob "Red" Worrell will be formally inducted at a June 13 banquet.

To Punxsutawney Phil, who hopefully will not see his shadow this morning and forecast an early spring — although the direction of this thumb could easily change depending on his prediction.

Do you agree? Do you disagree? The Valley Independent wants to hear from you. E-mail us at valleyletters@tribweb. com or write a letter to the editor. Include your phone number to allow for verification. Please limit letters to 350 words. We reserve the right to edit.

YOUR OPINION

Oklahoma grateful for Pennsylvania's help

To the Editor:

Oklahomans will long remember 2007 as the year in which our state faced the worst natural disaster in its history. On Dec. 9 and 10, a devastating ice storm hit Oklahoma, downing power lines, severely damaging countless trees, and presenting enormous challenges for our company's electric customers and dozens of the communities we serve.

At the storm's peak, Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) had more than 250,000 customers without power in northeastern Oklahoma - over half of all our customers. Almost 80 percent of the Tulsa metro area was without power in the aftermath of the storm.

Fortunately, help was soon on the way. More than 5,000 utility workers from across the country — including the fine workers from Allegheny Power — traveled to Oklahoma and worked side by side with our crews to get the lights back on. The Allegheny Power employees worked long, hard hours for several days, helping us to restore electric service to virtually everyone by Christmas.

Every Allegheny Power employee has our profound gratitude for their assistance during this crisis. We simply couldn't have restored service without their help and the help of so many other dedicated, committed utility professionals. The fact that they spent so many days away from home, just before the holidays, makes us appreciate their assistance even more.

All of us at PSO thank the workers from Allegheny Power for coming to our aid during this difficult time. Each of you has our heartfelt thanks and very best wishes for a safe and happy 2008.

Stewart Solomon
Public Service Company of Oklahoma
President and COO

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The property tax shuffle

Brad **BUMSTED**

It was truly amazing. The House cut short its work week and bagged the debate on property taxes last week rather than deal with the amendment by Rep. John Perzel to eliminate – that's right, eliminate – property taxes for low-income seniors.

They high-tailed it out of town.

The Democrats, who run the House, were handed their heads by Perzel, the former GOP speaker from Philly -- despised by the Dems.

Perzel, who hadn't been heard from since he was ousted as speaker in January 2007, squelched the Democrats' effort at tax shifting – reducing property taxes through higher sales and income taxes – for all homeowners. Perzel's plan focuses on seniors making $40,000 or less.

Tax shifting the Dems envision probably won't get through the Senate.

It is a non-starter.

They have been grappling with it for 30 years – and have nothing to show for it.

House Majority Leader Bill DeWeese of Greene County says the Perzel plan sacrifices tax cuts for everyone to provide them just for seniors.

But the Perzel plan passed with 159 votes. Members jumped on the bandwagon when it appeared to be passing. DeWeese is critical of the Perzel proposal, but a majority of his members voted for it.

As for recessing, DeWeese said it was important for the House members to go home and see what their constituents want.

Obviously, the Perzel plan will anger some homeowners. Non-senior taxpayers wouldn't get the cut – meager as it is – that they were promised by Gov. Ed Rendell. Approved under the 2004 slots law, taxpayers this year are expected to get $99 on average,

DeWeese came up with a new approach at week's end -- the shotgun approach. He suggests sending a menu of five property tax reform proposals to the Senate, including the Perzel plan, and his bill to raise the sales tax by a half percent.

It is a recognition in my view that the House can't reach agreement on so-called tax reform. Neither chamber in three decades has come up with a plan that can win broad support.

It is to some extent the nature of the beast. The devil is in the details.

Look, this is an election year and lawmakers are once again doing the property tax shuffle. Lawmakers have been getting re-elected for decades by promising a little of this and that and occasionally passing a bill.

But passing five bills — and letting the Senate choose — is absurd.

Erik Arneson, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Domini Pileggi, R-Delaware County, said, "The House has stumbled so often to date that we do not see any benefit to considering a bill until they are able to pass something."

DeWeese's proposal to go with five separate and at times conflicting versions of so-called tax reform is an abdication of the House's responsibility.

DeWeese said after 32 years of effort he's concluded it is the best strategy.

The Perzel plan is "sound" as a concept, Pileggi says. In other words, it appears the Senate would consider it.

It's not ideal — we'd lose our meager tax break — but it is something D's and R's agreed on.

But because of partisan politics the House, the Dems were not about to send a John Perzel plan — and the Perzel plan only — to the Senate.

So expect more jockeying in Harrisburg and little in terms of results.

We'll get our $99 and maybe twice as much on average next year from casino revenue.

Don't spend it in advance. It might be all you ever get.

Brad Bumsted is the Tribune-Review's state Capitol reporter.

A SUPER BOWL XLII PREVIEW
10,322 TICKETS GO TO TOM BRADY'S GIRLFRIENDS...
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Her voice, not his

Cokie and Steve **ROBERTS**

BAYONNE, N.J. — Does Bill Clinton help or hurt Hillary? The answer, of course, is both. But a lengthy conversation here with five Democratic women reveals a rising sense of unease about the former president's role, even from voters likely to back his wife in next week's New Jersey primary.

Hillary found her voice in New Hampshire, a personal, appealing tone that helped carry her to victory. Bill found his in South Carolina, a critical, even nasty attitude that Hillary now admits "may have" contributed to her defeat. The women here agree, saying he offended their sensibilities and overshadowed what should have been Hillary's moment in the sun, not his. And they hope he backs off.

All of these women eagerly want to see a fellow female in the White House, but they're not sure the first one should be "the wife of a former president," notes writer and editor Mary Hickey. "I guess I feel a little weird," she said, "It kind of diminishes it a little bit."

Cokie talked to these women in the ornate library of Bayonne High School (where, coincidentally, Steve graduated in 1960). Their words reminded us of eight years ago, when Al Gore wrestled with a similar problem: how to exploit Bill Clinton's political gifts, while asserting his own identity. Gore never did get that one right, and for the past two weeks, Hillary hasn't, either.

Bill is a brilliant strategist, the only Democrat since Franklin D. Roosevelt to win a second White House term, and Josette Simmons, a community worker in Newark, remembers his presidency fondly: "I think she is absolutely fortunate to have him out there, because he's a great spokesperson and a great representative for the country." Nuala Ryan, a parochial-school teacher, cuts in: "About 95 percent of the time, she's really fortunate ..." Much laughter as several voices agree: "Nobody's perfect."

While Simmons resents Bill "hogging the spotlight," she notes that Hillary has an impressive resume of her own, including two winning Senate campaigns: "It's not as if she was only riding on her husband's coattails."

To Dorothy Roszkowski, a police officer, Bill's very public sins only strengthened his wife, because she survived adversity and proved "that she can stand her ground, with or without her husband. ... I give her tremendous credit for that."

Roszkowski stresses the "excellent economic situation" that prevailed during Clinton's presidency and thinks the bond between husband and wife would be an asset if Hillary wins: "When I'm home and I have a problem, and I turn around and ask my husband for advice, she's going to do the same thing. ... Thank God, she's got a husband that's already done this."

But that's precisely what other women don't like about Hillary. "I really dislike the whole husband/wife dynamic," says Annie Rose Strasser, a college student. People will either say "she's a great wife because she's helping her man out or she's going to have to rely on her husband to help her make decisions."

"I don't feel like it's good to have a female candidate whose husband has been in office," adds Strasser, "because that makes (it) seem like people will elect her for her husband. What kind of message does that send to women — gain power by what your husband has done? I don't think that's necessarily an empowering thing to hear."

"I did the math," she says, "and I will be 26 before I live through a presidency that's not a Bush or a Clinton. And that's terrifying."

Mary Hickey, Annie's mom, started out supporting Hillary — but the more she saw the Clintons campaign as a team, the less she liked them. Their partnership plays directly into one of Barack Obama's main themes, that she's the candidate of the past, not the future. "We need to move on," Hickey says now, "we need to escape from all of it."

For Nuala Ryan, a recent Hillary ad, which assailed Obama for saying nice things about Ronald Reagan, reminded her of what she did not like about the Clintons — their political game-playing. "They knew what they were doing, and they shouldn't have done it," she said. "That ticked me off."

All of these women badly want the Democrats to win. All want, and expect, to see a female president in their lifetime. But they want that president to be her own person, not someone propelled into office by her husband's record or rhetoric. If Hillary wants their votes, she has to keep speaking in her own voice. Not his.

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The secret to great fried chicken? Shrimp

Ground chips can be found at most Asian markets.

By J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Just trust me and try this one.

If you like fried chicken with a perfectly extra-crunchy, savory breading that's not too thick, too thin or too greasy, and cooks in a flash, go to an Asian market and buy "prawn flavored chips."

Sometimes called "shrimp chips," these snacks usually are sold in boxes (under a variety of brands) and prior to cooking resemble brightly colored hunks of plastic.

The traditional way of preparing shrimp chips is to submerge them in very hot oil until they puff up and expand, turning into an oddly colored but delicious cross between a potato chip and a cheese puff.

On a whim, I tossed a bunch of the uncooked chips in a blender and pulverized them. I then dredged thin chicken breast halves through the ground chips and pan-fried them in a bit of canola oil.

The theory was that the chips fry so well on their own, they might create an amazing coating for chicken (or anything else you care to coat). The theory was right.

The only downside — the chips come in funky colors, so they lend a rainbow confetti appearance to the chicken. It's a fair price for such a fantastic coating (and your kids will love it).

Some advice on working with shrimp chips.

■ Be sure you buy uncooked shrimp chips. Most shops also sell cooked ones in bags similar to potato chips.

■ Because the uncooked chips are very tough, unless your blender or food processor is powerful, you may need to grind them in batches. And don't expect to turn the chips into powder. Aim for coarse sand.

■ When frying shrimp chips the traditional way, it's best to heat enough oil to completely immerse the chips, about 1 inch. For this recipe, a 1/8 to 1/4 inch is fine.

■ As with all frying, there is serious splatter potential. Use tongs to carefully move food in and out of the pan.

■ This recipe calls for seasoning the ground shrimp chips with garlic powder and black pepper. Shrimp chips have a savory, but neutral flavor. Any dried herbs or seasonings could be added.

Shrimp Chip Fried Chicken
Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 4

4-ounces (about half a box) shrimp chips (also called prawn flavored chips), uncooked
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 eggs
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 pound thin-sliced chicken breasts
Canola or vegetable oil

Place the shrimp chips, in batches if necessary, in a food processor or blender. Grind the chips until they resemble coarse sand. Transfer the ground chips to a wide, shallow bowl. Mix in the garlic powder and pepper.

In a second wide, shallow bowl, whisk together the eggs and mustard. Set aside.

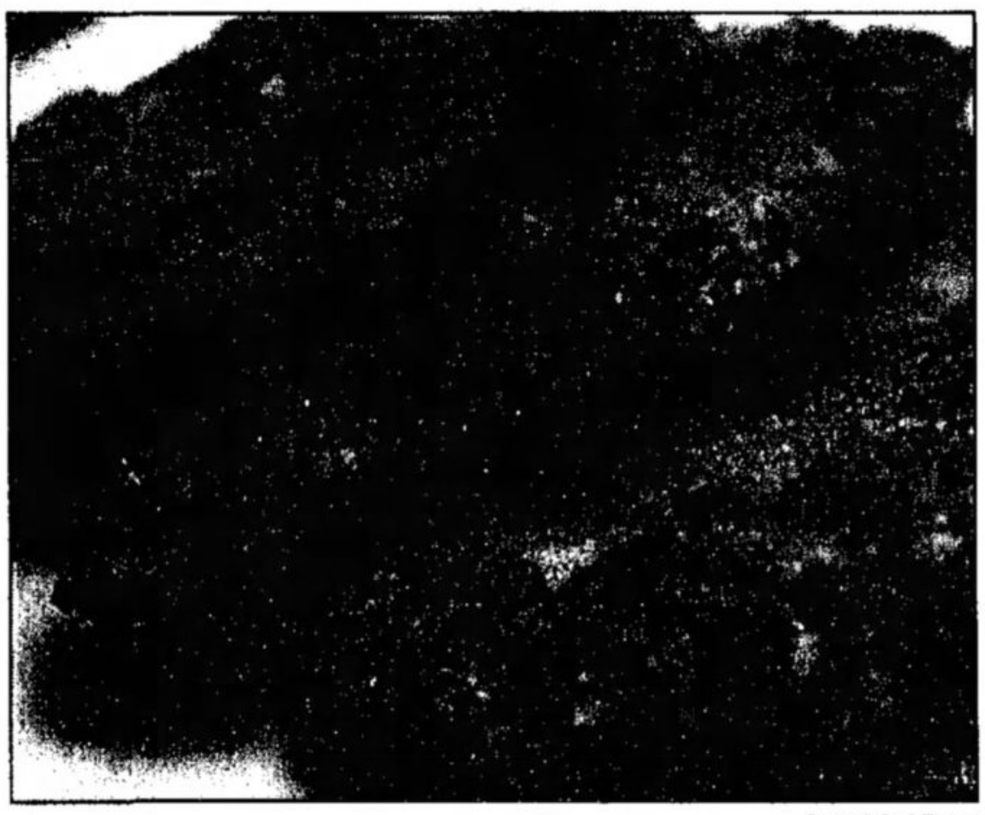
One at a time, place the chicken breasts between sheets of plastic wrap and use a meat mallet or rolling pin to gently but firmly pound the breasts until evenly flat.

In a large, deep skillet, add about 1/8 to 1/4 inch of oil. Heat over medium until the oil bubbles when touched with the tip of a wooden spoon or chopstick.

Dredge each piece of chicken first through the egg and mustard mixture, coating both sides, then through the ground shrimp chips, turning to coat both sides.

Place the chicken in the pan and fry until the bottom is crisp and just beginning to brown at the edges, about 3 to 4 minutes. Flip and cook on the other side another 3 to 4 minutes, or until cooked through.

Transfer the cooked chicken to a paper towel-lined plate to drain briefly before serving.



Associated Press

Colorful and crunchy, ground shrimp chips provide the unusual coating for this Shrimp Chip Fried Chicken. The chips, also called prawn flavored chips, are found in most Asian markets.

Cut the fat for great macaroni and cheese

By JIM ROMANOFF
For The Associated Press

There's nothing quite as comforting as homemade macaroni and cheese, all creamy inside and crunchy on top.

Of course, traditional versions of this classic usually call for at least two cups of cheese, a stick of butter and whole milk or cream. That might be comforting, but it's hardly healthy.

This recipe for a lighter mac and cheese is every bit as satisfying, with just about a third of the fat. Making that work is all a matter of knowing where to cut the fat, and where to keep it.

The sauce, for example, begins with a base of fat-free milk (rather than whole) mixed with flour.

But for the cheese, we stick with full-fat extra-sharp cheddar, which has tons more flavor than reduced-fat varieties and preserves the "cheesiness" of the dish. The quantity of cheese is cut in half.

A few teaspoons of Dijon mustard and a pinch ground ancho chili pepper are added to further intensify the flavor and make up for reducing the cheese and other fats.

Ancho chili works nicely because it has a sweet, paprika-like flavor and moderate heat, but you can substitute cayenne or any other ground chili pepper if you prefer.

To add some creaminess while cutting the fat even further, the rest of the cheese and all of the butter in the sauce are replaced with 2 percent cottage cheese that has been pureed in a blender or food processor.

Using a little oil, instead of butter, combined with plain dry breadcrumbs and a flavorful grated cheese makes a much lighter crunchy topping. Using a high quality hard cheese such a Parmesan or Grana Padano will give you more flavor for your money (and calories).

Finally, whole-grain elbow macaroni adds important fiber and other nutrients.

Macaroni and Cheese Light
Start to finish: 1 hour 10 minutes (25 minutes active)
Servings: 4

8 ounces whole-grain

(See MACARONI, Page 8A)

SCHOOL MENUS

BELLE VERNON AREA
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal, super bun or doughnut, toaster pastry, toasted bun/peanut butter, assorted juices, fruit, assorted milks.

Monday – Apple, omelet with ham and cheese.

Tuesday – Scrambled eggs and ham, wheat toast with butter and jelly, orange juice.

Wednesday – Applesauce, pancakes and sausage.

Thursday – Apple juice, breakfast pizza pocket.

Friday – Sliced peaches, French toast, syrup.

Lunch

Daily – Chef salad/roll, sliced turkey or ham/or peanut butter and jelly/or cheese on a roll, lettuce, tomato and pickle, fresh fruit, vegetable, milk.

Monday – Baked chicken strips/roll, egg noodles/BBQ sauce, green beans, chilled peaches.

Tuesday – Hot dog (bun), potato rounds/catsup, vegetable soup/crackers, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday – Baked fish sticks/roll, oven fries/catsup, cole slaw, orange or lime sherbet.

Thursday – Beef nachos /cheese, shredded lettuce/salsa, corn/soft pretzel, chilled mixed fruit.

Friday – Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup/crackers, carrot and celery sticks, dressing, chilled pineapple.

CALIFORNIA AREA
Breakfast

Daily – Milk.

Monday – Donut, cereal, juice.

Tuesday – Toast, juice, pancake sausage on stick.

Wednesday – Cereal, juice, donut.

Thursday – Pop Tart, cereal, juice.

Friday – Donut, juice, cereal.

Lunch

Daily – Tuna and PJ sandwich, milk.

Monday – Hot sausage or meatball sandwich, succotash, assorted fruit.

Tuesday – Chicken nuggets, roll, French fries, warm apple crisp.

Wednesday – Macaroni and cheese, roll or fish sandwich, peas and carrots, assorted fruit.

Thursday – Creamed turkey on biscuit, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, blueberry jell-o/topping.

Friday – Cheese or garlic pizza, corn, orange cookie, assorted fruit.

CHARLEROI AREA
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal or yogurt with muffin, juice, milk.

Monday – Super doughnuts.

Tuesday – Funnel cake.

Wednesday – Sausage biscuit.

Thursday – Breakfast pizza.

Friday – Hot Pocket.

Lunch

Daily – Milk.

Monday – Chicken strips with wheat bread or ham, egg, cheese bagel half, tater tots, applesauce.

Tuesday – Nachos with beef and cheese or chef salad with roll, corn, apple.

Wednesday – Italian dunkers or cheeseburger on a bun, lettuce cup, sherbet cup.

Thursday – Chicken patty on a bun or BBQ pork sandwich, peas, peaches, pudding cup.

Friday – White Sicilian pizza or fish nuggets, carrots, variety of fruit.

GEIBEL CATHOLIC
Lunch

Daily – Milk.

Monday – Cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, vegetable, dessert.

Tuesday – Chicken Alfredo, roll and butter, vegetable, dessert.

Wednesday – Talapia, French fries, vegetable, dessert.

Thursday – Penne pasta, breadsticks, vegetable, dessert.

Friday – No school.

MONESSEN
Breakfast

Daily – Cereal with graham crackers, fruit juice, milk.

Monday – Super bun; Secondary – Breakfast pizza pocket.

Tuesday – Pancakes with sausage; Secondary – Egg and cheese muffin.

Wednesday – Cinnamon roll; Secondary – Cheesy eggs and bagel half.

Thursday – Breakfast pizza; Secondary – Flapstick with syrup.

Friday – Cheesy eggs with muffin half; Secondary - Cinnamon pretzel stick.

Lunch

Daily – Fruit choice, milk.

Monday – Salisbury steak or hot ham and cheese, baked crinkle fries; Secondary – Salisbury steak with rice or meatball hoagie, French fries, corn.

Tuesday – Bird's nest or chicken parm on a bun, mashed potatoes; Secondary – Lasagna with breadstick or hot turkey sandwich with gravy, French fries, mixed veggies.

Wednesday – Fish nuggets with roll or chicken patty on a bun, glazed carrots; Secondary – Egg and cheese bagel or tuna noodle casserole, hash browns, broccoli.

Thursday – Pizzaburger on a bun or soft taco, green beans; Secondary – Buffalo chicken sandwich or steak and cheese hoagie, French fries, carrots.

Friday – Cheese pizza or turkey and cheese sandwich, baked fries; Secondary – Fish sandwich or bird's nest with roll, mashed potatoes, green beans.

RINGGOLD
Lunch

Daily – Fresh fruit or fruit cups, milk.

Monday – Chicken strips with bread slice or Ramburger, broccoli.

Tuesday – Grilled cheese sandwich with tomato soup or BBQ rib sandwich, tater tots.

Wednesday – Grilled cheese hot dog or fish sandwich with macaroni and cheese, peas.

Thursday – Macaroni Milanese or ham stacker, tossed salad.

Friday – Italian dunkers with dipping sauce or tuna in a pita pocket, green beans.

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Super Bowl Pastitsio

COOKING WITH CYNTHIA

One of my favorite Greek dishes is Pastitsio. Imagine my happiness when I found a low-cal version of this delicious dish.

I like dishes from all types of ethnicities, but my favorites are Italian, Greek, Mexican and Irish. A lot of times, though, I experiment with the dishes and either substitute some of the ingredients or add or subtract some of the spices. This one, however, is perfect just the way it is, and you can make a large pan of this for your Super Bowl party.

Ingredients:

3 cups reduced fat milk
1/4 cup corn starch
3 large eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 block crumbled feta cheese
6 tablespoons parmesan cheese
Salt and pepper to taste
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 pound macaroni
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 large onion, chopped
3/4 pound lean ground beef or grind your own sirloin
1 pound juicy plum tomatoes, chopped
3 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and spray a non-stick 7x11 baking dish and set aside.

Combine milk and eggs in saucepan and add cornstarch using a whisk. Cook over medium heat, whisking until thickened. Remove from heat and stir in the cheeses. Salt and pepper for taste.

Cook macaroni according to package directions and drain.

In a large skillet add oil and onions then meat. Sauté until browned. Stir in garlic, tomatoes with juice and salt and pepper. Heat thoroughly until liquid incorporates into the meat and becomes dry.

Place half the cooked macaroni into the bottom of the dish, top with half meat mixture. Repeat. Top with white sauce. Place in oven and bake for 45 minutes until top is golden brown.

Macaroni (FROM PAGE SEVEN)

elbow macaroni
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 cup fat-free milk (divided)
1 cup grated extra-sharp cheddar cheese
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon ground ancho chili pepper
1 1/2 cups 2 percent cottage cheese
3 tablespoons unseasoned breadcrumbs
1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375 F. Coat an 8-inch square baking dish with cooking spray.

Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the macaroni and cook according to package instructions. Drain and rinse with cold water, then set aside.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk together flour and 2 tablespoons of the milk. In a large saucepan, heat the remaining milk over medium heat until steaming.

Gradually whisk a few tablespoons of the hot milk into the milk-flour mixture, then whisk this mixture back into the saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the sauce is smooth and slightly thickened, 1 minute.

Remove the sauce from the heat and stir in cheddar cheese, mustard, salt, black pepper, ancho chili pepper and nutmeg. Set aside.

In a food processor or blender, puree the cottage cheese until very smooth. Stir into the sauce. Stir in the cooked macaroni and spoon the mixture into the prepared baking dish.

In a small bowl, stir together breadcrumbs and olive oil until well blended. Stir in the Parmesan and sprinkle the mixture over the macaroni and cheese. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until browned on top and bubbling.

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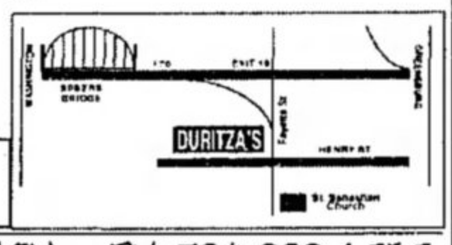

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With all the talk about Tom Brady's foot, guess who turns up ailing for the big game? Try Plaxico Burress. **4B**

Valley SPORTS

Cal, IUP in showdown

Indiana invades California for the premier game in the PSAC West tonight. **2B**

Encouraged suicide?

The ex-girlfriend of Steelers' receiver Cedrick Wilson claims that during their argument he told her to get the loaded gun "and kill yourself." **4B**

Sports Trivia

Who are the only two linebackers to be named Super Bowl MVPs? **2B**

Last night's scores

Houston 106, Indiana 103
Orlando 108, Philadelphia 106
L.A. Lakers 121, Toronto 101
Utah 96, Washington 87
New Jersey 94, Miami 85
Minnesota 104, L.A. Clippers 83

Brian **HERMAN**

Super Bowl nothing new for Zolak

Going to the Super Bowl is becoming routine for Scott Zolak.

This year's event is No. 13 for the Ringgold High graduate.

Before he went to Super Bowl XXXI as the New England Patriots' backup quarterback to Drew Bledsoe, Zolak attended pro football's biggest game six times with his father, former Ringgold and Bethel Park athletic director Paul Zolak.

Thanks to the Patriots, he's returned four of the last seven Super Bowls as a Boston broadcaster.

He works for the Patriots Rock Radio Network The Score 99.7 FM and 790 AM and CBS-TV's Channel 4.

Zolak has been in Phoenix all week doing a radio show from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and television shows at 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:15 p.m.

On Wednesday Zolak was a guest on the popular Jim Rome Is Burning television show on ESPN.

Zolak started the week as the emcee at a Super Bowl sendoff Sunday for the Patriots at Gillette Stadium which drew an estimated 10,000 fans.

Zolak's wife, Amy, incidentally, flew out out to Phoenix Thursday with the wives of the Patriots' coaches and players.

■ Speaking of the Super Bowl, it shouldn't be hard to pick a winner in Sunday's contest between New England and the New York Giants.

The Patriots are eyeing history as the first team ever to go 19-0 and are favored by 12 points.

I'm hoping the Giants can pull an upset but you have to go with the Pats because of Tom Brady, who's become the next Joe Montana.

My guess: New England 28, New York 10.

■ Add Super Bowl: Monongahela's Montana and Fred Cox, who were inducted together in the first Ringgold Hall of Fame in 2006, are the area gridders to play in the most Super Bowls.

Everyone knows that Montana quarterbacked the San Francisco 49ers to four Super Bowl victories while Cox was the place-kicker for the Minnesota Vikings' four Super Bowl losers.

Monessen's Doug Crusan and Sam Havrilak and Charleroi's Myron Pottios are the only other area gridders to play in the Super Bowl.

Crusan was an offensive tackle for the Miami Dolphins who played in three straight Super Bowls in the early 1970 while Havrilak appeared in one with the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl V and Pottios one with the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl VII.

Zolak was on the sidelines for his Super Bowl contest while Anthony Peterson, another Ringgold grad, missed playing in a Super Bowl contest with San Francisco due to an injury.

And thanks to Ray Popp of Rostraver Township who says some of the best arguments are spoiled by people who know what they are talking about!

Move over Patriots

Monessen girls wallop Wilkinsburg for unbeaten season

Beveridge steals spotlight from WPIAL's leading scorer with 3-point barrage.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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MONESSEN - The WPIAL's leading scorer was no match for its only unbeaten Class A girls' basketball team Friday.

In fact, Wilkinsburg junior Darche Jackson - who was averaging 35 points and scored 56 24 hours earlier - had to take a back seat to a Monessen senior making only her second start, Jessica Beveridge.

No, it's not a misprint.

Beveridge hit seven three-pointers for a game-high 21 points in the Lady Greyhounds' easy 62-27 victory to seal the first perfect season in the school's history.

Long-time Monessen coach Major Corley never thought the Lady Greyhounds would take a 23-0 record into the upcoming WPIAL playoffs.

"With the schedule we had I thought we'd lose a game or two," he said. "I really didn't think about us going unbeaten until our second win over Serra."

Corley thinks the pressure may be on the Lady Greyhounds early in the post-season.

"With our record in the playoffs everyone expects you to win," he said. "Now we're going to have to get as far as the finals to quiet the critics and prove it's not a fluke."

With the game starting 70 minutes late because of Wilkinsburg (11-9) getting lost on the way, Monessen also got off to a slow start.

Beveridge's first three-pointer with 3:02 left in the opening quarter knotted the score at 9-9 and also started a 17-0 run in a five minute span.

Monessen led 31-13 at halftime and then outscored Wilkinsburg, 20-0, in the third quarter to go ahead 51-13.

The Lady Greyhounds couldn't get a 40-point lead for a continuous clock as Jackson opened the fourth quarter with a pair of baskets.

Jackson went eight of 40 from the floor including one of 19 in the middle two periods and finished with 17 points.

Beveridge, meanwhile, wasn't the only Lady Greyhound senior to enjoy a big night in her final home appearance.

Fellow senior Christina Chukwuedo had 20 points and six assists while junior Samone Stepoli had 12 points and 15 rebounds, senior Melissa Popovich pulled down 13 rebounds, senior Breane Minardi grabbed 12 rebounds and senior Kelly Mornak had eight assists.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Monessen's Christina Chukwuedo and Wilkinsburg's Darche Jackson battle for a rebound during the Lady Greyhounds' 62-27 romp.

Monessen boys win first title in five years

88-38 romp over Brownsville wraps up Class AA Section 5 crown for Greyhounds; Charleroi nearly stuns Washington.

The Monessen Greyhounds didn't have any trouble clinching their first section championship in five years Friday.

With five players scoring in double figures, the Greyhounds routed visiting Brownsville, 88-38, to finish a game ahead of Washington in Class AA Section 5.

Monessen (18-5, 13-1) didn't waste any time bouncing back from its lone section defeat at Washington Tuesday.

Monessen coach Joe Salvino said after the loss at Washington his team panicked and that would not happen again.

Last night, the Greyhounds definitely didn't panick even though the start of the game was delayed approximately 90 minutes because Wilkinsburg's girls team was late for the first game.

Monessen jumped out to a 22-10 first quarter lead and widened the margin to 42-20 at halftime and 68-28 going into the fourth quarter.

Freshman Terrance Stepoli, who didn't start because it was Monessen's Senior Night, still had an outstanding performance. He topped all scorers with 19 points.

Delmar Pritchett followed with 14 points while Tim Tyree had 13, David Jeffries 12 and Jamont Minnie 11.

Washington, meanwhile.

Basketball roundup

knocked Charleroi out of the playoffs with a 49-45 overtime victory.

The Cougars, who lost to the Prexies, 81-19, in their first meeting, scored the game's first 10 points and led 15-5 after the first quarter.

Washington (18-6, 12-2) came back to deadlock the game at 22 at halftime and took a 36-35 lead into the fourth quarter.

The contest was deadlocked at 45 with neither team scoring in the final 1:30.

Jordan Floyd's basket and two free throws by Mark Wise were all the scoring in the overtime.

Ethan Hank and Taylor Andrisko were high for Charleroi (11-12, 6-8) with Eli Obade pulling down 13 rebounds.

Jordan Anderson took scoring honors for the Prexies with 16 points including 12 in the first half. Nick Bryant and Tom Kelly followed with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

In Class A Section 2, champion California was a 63-46 loser at Geibel.

Ryan Craft (26) and Brendan Costantino (18) combined for 44 points for the Gators (6-13, 5-5), who avenged a 53-49 defeat.

Geibel outscored the Trojans, 17-5, in the second quarter tolead 33-15 at halftime.

Travis Van Olst topped

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Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

Jacob Dudzinki scores a basket for Belle Vernon Area against Yough.

BV Area breezes past Yough, 61-42

Leps tune for playoffs as Jacob Dudzinski scores 21 points.

BY JEREMY SELLEW
For the Valley Independent

ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP - Goal one accomplished. Now it's on to the second season for the Belle Vernon Area Leopards as they dispatched Yough and celebrated their senior night in style Friday.

The Class AAA Section 5 champs mauled the visiting Cougars , 61-42, smashing any post-season hopes for the Cougars and officially setting their sights on the WPIAL playoffs.

"It was great having all the students there," senior captain Jacob Dudzinski said. "The students are into the game more and you play a lot better. Plus, it's the best feeling in the world to beat them twice in the same year."

The Leopards (19-5, 9-1) and Cougars (7-15, 3-7) played fundamentally sound basketball in the first half as the Cougars opened the scoring with the first two baskets of the game.

However, a lightning quick BVA run gave the Leps an 11-4 lead. Three-pointers by Yough's Adam Matvya and Chris Altman pulled the Cougars to within 15-12 at the end of the first quarter.

"We talked about keeping our composure and keeping it close," Yough coach Ed Marko said. "They're playing really well right now. We knew that we had some matchups that were going to give us some problems."

Neither team could make a run in the second quarter, as the largest lead belonged to the Cougars when the score was 24-21. An old-fashioned three-point play by Josh Pohlot tied the score for the Leps, who then capitalized on a Cougar turnover and held the ball for the last 1:14 of the half.

It paid off as Pohlot, who finished with 15 points and 10 rebounds, tipped in a missed shot as the buzzer sounded to give the hosts a 26-24 halftime lead.

"We knew coming in here that Yough had played well the last few games," BVA coach John Dudzinski said. "Both teams played very well in the half, they came in here with playoff attitude and we were able to match them. It was a very good game in the first half."

Unfortunately for the Cougars, the second half was all BVA. Dudzinski scored 13 of his game-high 21 points in the last 16 minutes, and Cory Williams scored seven of his 10 points in the third quarter as the Leps pulled away.

The Leopards turned to a full court press and zone defense to start the half, forcing numerous Yough turnovers and forcing shots from outside and allowing their bigger players inside to monopolize

(See BV Area, Page 2B)

SPORTS

Ringgold nips South Park, 52-50

Win locks up third place in the section for Rams.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

CARROLL TOWNSHIP - According to Ringgold coach Pete Logan, the foundation has been set with the Rams' basketball program, and he thanks his seniors for it.

Following his team's thrilling 52-50 win over South Park that clinched third place in Class AAA Section 4, Logan pointed out his four seniors: RJ Brownlee, Tim Madar, Franz Felix and Jared Resanavich.

"This win is something that will lead to better things," he said. "This group has worked so hard and the younger kids are seeing it pay off.

"Third place looks a lot better than fourth place."

The Rams used a hot start from Madar, normally a sub, and the little-used Resanavich to take a 12-8 lead after one quarter.

Madar hit a jumper and a three-pointer to give the Rams five points in the opening frame while Resanavich added three points.

It would only be the beginning for Resanavich though as he finished with a career-high 12 points.

"He was hurt earlier in the year and he got his chance tonight," Logan said. "He definitely stepped up tonight."

Ringgold jumped out to a 19-10 lead with 5:23 left in the first half as Tyler Patch scored on two straight lay-ups following Brownlee steals, but the Rams went cold and were outscored 11-2 the rest of the half, leaving the score tied 21-21.

Both teams came out looking to score in the third quarter as Ringgold outgunned the Eagles 18-14 to take a 39-35 lead into the final eight minutes. Resanavich tallied seven points in the thiird quarter.

The teams went back and forth in the fourth quarter and South Park grabbed their only lead with 5:09 left as Matt Griffin drained a trey to give the guests a 43-41 lead.

The deficit was short-lived for the Rams as 23 seconds later, Resanavich made a lay-up to tie the score.

After a South Park turnover on their next possession, Brownlee hit a lay-up and was fouled. The free throw gave Ringgold a 46-43 lead.

Following a pair of free throws by Cody Fircak to cut the Ringgold lead to 46-45 with 4:06 left, Dave Bassi hit a trifecta for Ringgold to give the hosts a 49-45 lead with 3:22 left.

With 1:16 left, Bassi gave the Rams breathing room when he drained his second three of the quarter to make it 52-47.

On South Park's next possession, Doug Smith drained his third three-pointer of the game to cut the lead to 52-50.

After the teams exchanged turnovers over the next 30 seconds, Joe Harrison was fouled by Ringgold's Simon Bekavec.

He missed both free throws, but Dante DiBaldo grabbed the offensive rebound but the ball was knocked away and tied up.

The possession arrow gave the ball back to South Park with 11 seconds left, but Smith missed a jumper from 15-feet out. Brownlee grabbed the rebound, but it was only South Park's sixth team foul.

The Rams inbounded the ball to Patch who was fouled. He went to the line with 1.9 seconds left and missed the first free throw.

Smith grabbed the rebound and heaved a full-court heave that went wide right.

"We knew that they were going to come in and play well," Logan said of South Park. "We had to step it up tonight and we did.

"We have for most of the second half of the season."

The Rams now wait to see their seeding at the WPIAL playoff pairings meeting Tuesday.

GAME NOTES: Bassi led all scorers with 16 points while Brownlee added 10 for Ringgold ... Smith, who had 25 in South Park's win over Ringgold last month, led the guests with 11 ... South Park was 12 of 22 from the line while Ringgold was only four of six.

Cal faces big West from Crimson Hawks

Indiana a game behind unbeaten Vulcans.

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The next two games could go a long way in determining if the California University men's basketball team can win another PSAC West title.

The Vulcans (13-4, 4-0) host Indiana (11-8, 3-1) today at 7 p.m. at Hamer Hall before entertaining Edinboro (14-4, 4-0) Wednesday.

Coached for the second year by Joe Lombardo, Indiana has already bettered last year's 6-21 showing including 3-9 in the PSAC West.

Two of the reasons for the Crimson Hawks' improvement are 6-6 redshirt freshman Darryl Webb and 6-2 junior Sean Christiansen, who played two seasons at Division I VMI.

Webb, a 220 pounder from Maryland'sLong Rach High, is one of the leading candidates as the PSAC West Rookie of the Year.

Webb leads IUP in both scoring (17.5) and rebounding (8.8). He's coming off a career high 26 points in Wednesday's 74-63 win at Shippens burg .

Christiansen, who played on Kennedy Catholic High's state championship team in 2001, averages 13 points a game.

IUP'sother scoring threat is 6-5 sophomore Gerald Brooks, last year's PSAC West Rookie of the Year, with a 10 point average.

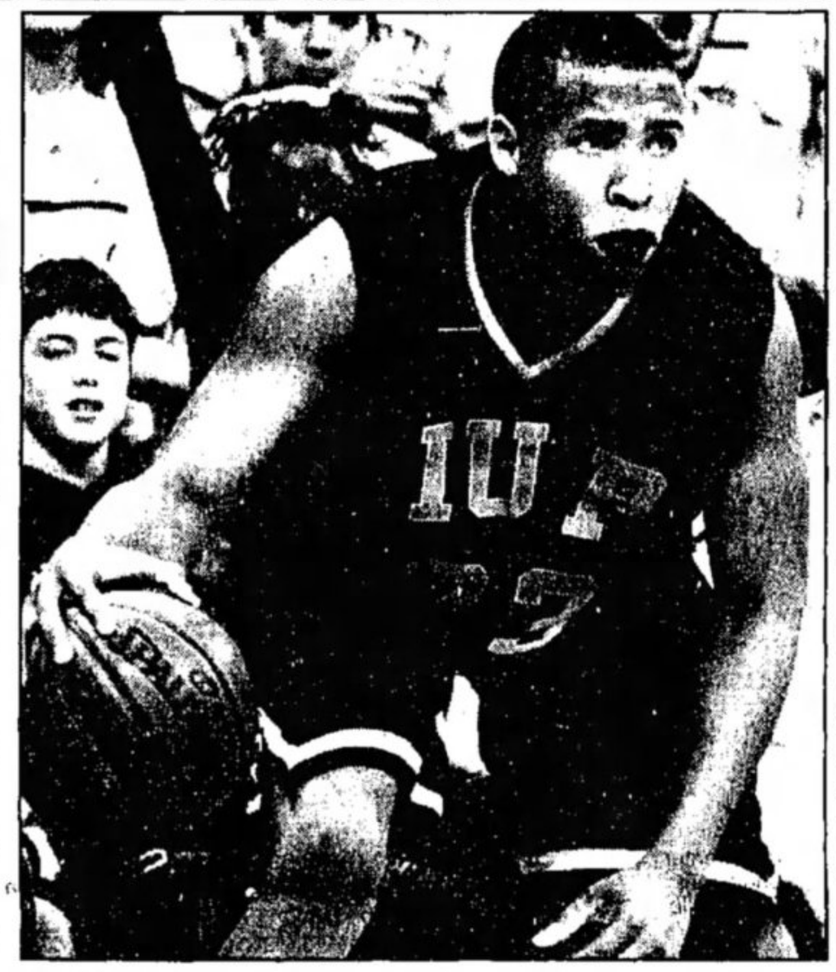
IUP's biggest player is 6-8, 240 pound senior Adeniyi Amadou of Paris, France who transferred from Army.

California, meanwhile, is riding a four-gme winning streak with the last three on the road.

The Vulcans are ranked sixth in the first East Region poll nehind Mount Olive, Queens (N.C.), West Liberty State, Alderson-Broaddus and Edinboro.

Rounding out the top 10 are Pfeiffer, East Stroudsburg and Barton.

The Vulcans' leading scorers are Ron Banks (14.2), reserve Theron Colao (12.6) and Ali Mbaye (10.9).



Darryl Webb

Mbaye is coming off a career-high 29 points at Slippery Rock and has 45 points in Cal's last two outings.

CAL CLIPS: Today's doubleheader with Indiana is being televised by CSTV...An alumni reception is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. in the Kara Alumni House, followed by the women's alumni game at 1 p.m. and the men's alumni game at 3 p.m.

Lakers step up; acquire Gasol

TORONTO (AP) — The Los Angeles Lakers bolstered their banged-up frontline Friday with a key acquisition — 7-footer Pau Gasol of the Memphis Grizzlies.

"It shows a great deal of commitment from the organization," All-Star Kobe Bryant said before the Lakers' game at Toronto. "It's a great step.

"It's a matter of us just gelling now and putting it together," added Bryant, who urged management to improve the team over the summer. "We've got a great bench. We have a lot of length, a lot of versatility. Now it's time to walk the walk."

The Lakers gave up Kwame Brown, rookie Javaris Crittenton and two first-round draft picks for Gasol. The Spaniard is certain to help a Lakers team reeling from recent injuries to inside players, including blossoming center Andrew Bynum.

"We need a little scoring inside without Andrew Bynum," coach Phil Jackson said. "It gives us a post-up threat right now, and he's a good passer. We like that."

Jackson said Gasol could make his debut when the Lakers visit Washington on Sunday.

"We'd like him to play on Sunday," Jackson said. "I don't know if that's possible or not. He's got to go back to L.A. and have a physical tomorrow."

Gasol, averaging 18.9 points, 8.8 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.44 blocked shots in 39 games this season, can fill in at center until Bynum returns in mid-March, then move to power forward.

"He's a great player," forward Lamar Odom said. "With him and Andrew down there, I'm really excited to see how that works out."

The Grizzlies will get the Lakers' first-round draft choices in 2008 and 2010; guard Aaron McKie, signed earlier Friday for salary cap purposes; cash considerations, and the rights to Gasol's brother Marc, a 2007 second-round pick of Los Angeles.

"That's something you haven't seen before," Jackson said with a chuckle.

The Lakers also receive the Grizzlies' second-round pick in 2010.

"We're extremely pleased to be able to make this trade," general manager Mitch Kupchak said in a statement. "Pau is a proven player of All-Star caliber in this league who can score and rebound and is still a young player. We feel this strengthens our team in the short term as well as the long term."

Gasol, the NBA Rookie of the Year in 2002 and an All-Star four years later, has averaged 18.8 points, 8.6 rebounds and 3.1 assists in 476 career games with Memphis. The 27-year-old forward-center, under contract for three more years, is the franchise leader in 12 statistical categories, including points, rebounds and blocks.

Monessen (FROM PAGE ONE)

California (15-5, 9-1) with 18 points with Ben Carson and Donte Valentino each scoring 11.

The loss snapped an eight-game winning streak.

In Class AAA Section 5, Elizabeth Forward was a 73-29 loser at Thomas Jefferson.

The third place Jaguars led 32-9 at halftime and 60-18 going into the fourth quarter.

Dean Langlottz had 25 points for TJ (8-12, 6-4) with the Warriors dropping to 5-18 and 1-9 in the section.

BV Area (FROM PAGE ONE)

the rebounding.

"With the zone we responded a lot better in the second half rebounding the ball," the elder Dudzinski said. "We were able to get out and run on the break a little bit more and by pressing forced some turnovers."

Marko concurred.

"We were in pretty good shape, but that third quarter we had some problems with that press and we weren't able to knock any shots down," Marko said. "They fed off that."

The Leps' ball possession game took its toll in the fourth quarter as they scored only two field goals, but hit on 12 of 16 free throw attempts. Dudzinski shot 75 percent (9 for 12) from the stripe in the quarter.

The Leopards dominated the boards in the second half, and while he didn't get as many boards as he wanted, BVA senior John Naylor took his beating and relished every moment.

"I get a little frustrated," Naylor said. "That's my job, anything it takes to get the W. It was great tonight though. Senior night, the whole crowd was there, and it was Yough. It was probably the best thing I'll remember this year."

With the Leps looking forward to the playoffs, the Cougars' season ended on a sour note.

"It was a disappointing season for us, especially after the start we had," Marko said. "We lost some close games and needed to take care of things earlier on. You don't want to have to come in here and win the last game of the year to get into the playoffs.

Matvya and junior Ben Hoffer led the Cougars with 13 and 10 points respectively.

The Leps, meanwhile ,will be facing a tough week ahead as they will open the playoffs next weekend.

"The first season is over," Dudzinski said. "It's up to the kids now, how much farther do they want to go. We'll come in here Monday and instead of going easy, I think we're going to go pretty hard."

SPORTS DIGEST

Meza-Clay in knoclout win

Monty Meza-Clay stopped former International Boxing Federation lightweight champion Eric Aiken in 39 seconds of the seventh round on a techncial knockout in an ESPN2 Friday Night Fight at the Pittsburgh Expo Mart in Monroeville.

The win upped Meza-Clay's record to 25-1.

Monessen cagers blast Carmichaels

Monessen Junior High's basketball team is home with Charlroi Monday after routing Carmichaels, 73-32.

Josh Stepoli (15), Cam Johnson (12) and Ron Pialecki (11) combined for 38 points for the Little Greyhounds (16-3).

Wrestling show in Monessen

The CWF presents "Motown Showdown '08" today at the Schooner Center in Monessen with bell time at 7 p.m.

The event will be a fan appreciation event whee the fans will pick the matches.

Scheduled to appear are Powerhouse Hughes, undefeated CWF heavyweight champion Beast, undefeated Mon Valley champion Kato, Keystone champion Jason Gory, J-Ru and Dee Drake.

BV Area cagers roll over Frazier

Belle Vernon Area Middle School's basketball team closed at 18-3 after downing Frazier, 55-20.

Adam Ferita (11) and Ian Dobbins (10) were high for the Little Leps, who won the section title with an 11-1 record.

Thunder home with Indiana

The Mon Valley Thunder are home tonight with the Class A Mid-Atlantic Hockey League's premier team, Indiana.

The Ice Miners are 28-1-0 and ridinf a 23-game winning streak.

Indiana features the league's top scorer in Ringgold gradiuate Justoin Depretis who has 48 goals and 31 assists.

Joey Olson is the Thunder's top scorer with 20 goals and 29 assists.

Trivia answer

Dallas' Chuck Howley and Baltimore's Ray Lewis.

Knoblauch talks to House lawyers

WASHINGTON (AP) – Chuck Knoblauch came to Congress toting his toddler Friday, and the former major leaguer met for about 1 1/2 hours with lawyers from a House committee investigating drug use in baseball.

Knoblauch, the 1991 AL Rookie of the Year and one of more than 80 players linked to performance-enhancing drugs in the Mitchell Report, did not reveal what he was asked or what he said.

A committee staffer told The Associated Press that Knoblauch was asked whether he used performance-enhancing drugs, as alleged in former Senate majority leader George Mitchell's report, and also was asked about former New York Yankees teammate Roger Clemens and trainer Brian McNamee.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because staffers are not authorized to make public comments about the specifics of the investigation.

Holmes loves FBR Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) – J.B. Holmes never feels more comfortable on the PGA Tour than when he tees it up at the crowded, rowdy FBR Open.

Holmes, the tournament winner as a rookie two years ago, shot a 6-under 65 to share the lead with Doug LaBelle II at 9-under 133 among players who finished the second round Friday. LaBelle shot a 64.

A 90-minute frost delay to start the day left 45 golfers on the course when play was halted because of darkness.

WVU changes home dates

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) – West Virginia has changed the dates of 2008 football home games with Marshall and Auburn to accommodate ESPN.

WVU released the nonconference portion of its schedule Friday. The Mountaineers will open the season at home on Aug. 30 against Villanova and play their next two games on the road at East Carolina on Sept. 6 and Colorado on an undetermined date.

Villanova is a member of the Football Championship Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-AA.

The Sept. 6 date initially was a home game with Auburn, but that has been moved to Thursday, Oct. 23, after WVU starts its Big East schedule.

The move "will give us a great opportunity to receive the national spotlight on ESPN on a Thursday night," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said.

Wing king wins again

PHILADELPHIA (AP) – Joey Chestnut twisted his final chicken wings with his nimble fingers, chomping on the saucy delicacies like they were ears of corn.

His chin was stained by barbecue red streaks, sweat trickling down his brow as the final seconds of Wing Bowl were counted down.

The boos were louder now, the Philly food fanatics bellyaching again that this outsider and gastrointestinal god was about to become a three-time champ of their famed decadent chicken wing contest.

The rest of the country can have the Super Bowl. Philadelphia loves the homegrown Wing Bowl, a savory chicken wing eating contest where it's hard to tell if the fat guys or the busty babes are the real main attraction.

One Husky back, one still on shelf

STORRS, Conn. (AP) – Connecticut guard Doug Wiggins has been reinstated to the team, but starting guard Jerome Dyson remains suspended indefinitely, coach Jim Calhoun said Friday.

The 20-year-old sophomores were suspended on Jan. 24, the day after campus police say they found them in a car in a parking lot with a bottle of vodka and a bottle of cognac.

SPORTS

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	17	5	61	163	144
Pittsburgh	28	19	4	60	148	139
New Jersey	28	20	3	59	128	122
N.Y. Rangers	26	22	6	58	132	133
N.Y. Islanders	24	22	6	54	127	149

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	16	4	68	180	151
Montreal	27	15	9	63	162	141
Boston	27	19	5	59	136	135
Buffalo	23	21	7	53	151	146
Toronto	20	24	9	49	146	170

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	26	24	4	56	164	173
Atlanta	25	25	4	54	150	180
Washington	24	23	5	53	152	164
Florida	23	25	5	51	134	151
Tampa Bay	21	26	5	47	151	175

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	39	10	4	82	179	112
Nashville	26	21	5	57	151	143
Columbus	25	22	6	56	132	134
St. Louis	24	19	7	55	127	138
Chicago	23	24	4	50	142	149

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	29	19	3	61	143	139
Calgary	26	17	8	60	151	147
Colorado	27	21	4	58	144	143
Vancouver	26	21	6	58	140	133
Edmonton	23	26	5	51	141	165

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	30	20	5	65	162	142
San Jose	28	16	7	63	136	124
Anaheim	27	21	7	61	136	143
Phoenix	27	22	2	56	141	139
Los Angeles	21	29	3	45	148	173

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Friday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 3, New Jersey 1
Atlanta 5, Buffalo 4, SO
Detroit 2, Colorado 0
Florida 4, Vancouver 3, SO
St. Louis 1, Anaheim 0, SO
Dallas 4, Edmonton 1

Today's Games

N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Chicago at San Jose, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 2 p.m.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	28	1	0	56
Wooster	14	12	2	30
Jamestown	12	17	0	24
Mon Valley	10	14	3	23
Valley Forge	7	19	2	16

Friday

Indiana 5, Jamestown 1

Today

Valley Forge at Wooster
Indiana at Mon Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with INF Brandon Fahey, INF Luis Hernandez, RHP Hayden Penn and OF Chris Roberson on one-year contracts and C Chris Heintz and RHP Esteban Yan on minor league contracts.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with LHP Brian Anderson, RHP Scott Munter and C Josh Paul on minor league contracts.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with C Paul Bako and LHP Scott Sauerbeck on minor league contracts.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Joe Beimel on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Pedro Feliciano on a one-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Claimed INF Ray Olmedo off waivers from Toronto. Designated LHP Sean Burnett for assignment.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Acquired F-C Pau Gasol from Memphis for C Kwame Brown, G Javaris Crittenton and two first-round draft picks. Signed C DJ Mbenga to a second 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Named Brad Roll strength & conditioning coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned LW Pascal Pelletier to Providence (AHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Traded LW Curtis Glencross to Edmonton for D Dick Tarnstrom.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Signed F J.P. Dumont to a four-year contract.

COLLEGE

LINCOLN MEMORIAL—Announced the resignation of Hugh Watson, men's basketball coach.

NORFOLK STATE—Named Anthony Evans men's basketball coach and signed him to a three-year contract.

WABASH—Named Erik Raeburn football coach.

Sports dial

Today

Television

8:30 a.m. - Golf Channel - Dubai Desert Classic, golf, tape delay.

Noon - ESPN - Syracuse at Villanova, college basketball.

Noon - ESPN2 - Maryland at Georgia Tech, college basketball.

1 p.m. - Channel 2 - Pitt at Connecticut, college basketball.

2 p.m. - ESPN - OKlahoma State at Texas Tech,college basketball.

2 p.m. - ESPN2 - Rider at Siena, college basketball.

Pitt coach Jamie Dixon hopes he won't lose his cool today when the Panthers tip off UConn, 1 p.m., on Channel 2.

2 p.m. - Fox Sports - Rutgers at Pit, women's college basketball.

3 p.m. - Channel 2 - FBR Open, golf.

3:30 p.m. - Channel 4 - Miami at Duke, college basketball.

4 p.m. - ESPN2 - South Alabama at La.-Monroe, college basketball.

4 p.m. - Fox Sports - Stanford at Washington State, women's college basketball.

5 p.m. - CSTV - Indiana at California, women's college basketball.

7 p.m. - CSTV - Indiana at California, college basketball.

7:30 p.m. - Fox Sports - Carolina at Pittsburgh, hockey.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Arizona at UCLA, college basketball.

10 p.m. - WGN - Chicago at Sacramento, pro basketball.

Sunday

Television

8:30 a.m. - Golf Channel - Dubai Desert Classic, golf, tape delay.

Noon - Fox Sports - LSU at Florida, women's college basketball.

2 p.m. - Channel 11 - New York Rangers at Montreal, hockey.

2 p.m. - Fox Sports - North Carolina at Florida State, college basketball.

2:30 p.m. - Channel 4 - Dallas at Detroit, pro basketball.

4 p.m. - Fox Sports - Washington State at Washington, women's college basketball.

6 p.m. - Channel 53 - Super Bowl XLII, New England vs New YorkGiants, pro footbsll.

PSAC standings

Men

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	4	0	13	4
Edinboro	4	0	14	4
Indiana	3	1	11	8
Clarion	2	3	10	9
Slippery Rock	1	3	3	15
Lock Haven	1	3	1	17
Shippensburg	0	5	6	14

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Kutztown	4	0	13	5
Cheyney	4	1	11	6
East Stroudsburg	2	2	13	5
Millersville	2	2	13	6
West Chester	2	2	10	8
Mansfield	1	3	13	6
Bloomsburg	0	5	8	11

Today

Indiana at California (7 p.m.)
Edinboro at Lock Haven
Shippensburg at Slippery Rock
Cheyney at Kutztown
East Stroudsburg at Millersville
West Chester at Mansfield

Women

Western Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
California	4	0	17	2
Indiana	3	1	18	2
Shippensburg	3	2	15	5
Clarion	3	2	13	6
Edinboro	1	3	11	7
Slippery Rock	1	3	7	12
Lock Haven	0	4	5	13

Eastern Division

	PSAC W	PSAC L	Overall W	Overall L
Millersville	4	0	15	4
West Chester	3	1	11	7
Kutztown	2	2	9	10
East Stroudsburg	2	2	8	10
Cheyney	2	3	5	13
Mansfield	1	3	6	13
Bloomsburg	1	4	5	14

Today

Indiana at California (5 p.m.)
Edinboro at Lock Haven
Shippensburg at Slippery Rock
East Stroudsburg at Millersville
West Chester at Mansfield
Cheyney at Kutztown
Bloomsburg at Columbia Union

High school boys' basketball standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Chartiers Valley	10	0	22	1
Keystone Oaks	8	2	13	10
Ringgold	5	5	8	16
South Park	4	6	9	13
Trinity	3	7	6	15
McGuffey	0	10	3	18

Friday

Ringgold 52, South Park 50
Chartiers Valley 62, Keystone Oaks 59
Trinity 60, McGuffey 44

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Belle Vernon Area	9	1	19	5
Steel Valley	7	3	15	5
Thomas Jefferson	6	4	8	12
West Mifflin	4	6	9	11
Yough	3	7	7	15
Elizabeth Forward	1	9	5	18

Friday

Belle Vernon Area 61, Yough 42
Thomas Jefferson 73, Elizabeth Forward 29
Steel Valley 52, West Mifflin 43

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	13	1	18	5
Washington	12	2	18	6
Burgettstown	10	4	18	5
Brownsville	7	7	11	12
Charleroi	6	8	11	12
C-Houston	6	8	12	11
Waynesburg	2	12	4	19
Beth-Center	0	14	3	21

Friday

Monessen 88, Brownsville 38
Washington 49, Charleroi 45
Burgettstown 53, C-Houston 48
Waynesburg 66, Beth-Center 46

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
California	9	1	15	5
Carmichaels	7	2	16	4
Mapletown	6	4	13	10
Geibel	5	5	6	13
Jeff-Morgan	1	9	5	18
West Greene	1	8	2	15

Friday

Geibel 63, California 46
Mapletown 68, Jeff-Morgan 54

Today

Carmichaels at West Greene

Class A

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Serra	12	0	21	1
Clairton	8	4	11	9
Bentworth	8	4	14	7
Cornell	6	6	12	9
Sacred Heart	5	7	7	16
Avella	3	9	9	14
Frazier	0	12	2	20

Friday

Bentworth 77, Frazier 27
Serra 79, Clairton 68
Cornell 59, Sacred Heart 45

High school girls' standings

Class AAA

	Sec. 4 W	Sec. 4 L	Overall W	Overall L
Ringgold	9	1	17	6
Chartiers Valley	9	1	17	6
West Allegheny	6	4	12	11
Keystone Oaks	3	7	6	15
McGuffey	3	7	8	14
Waynesburg	0	10	4	18

Friday

Chartiers Valley 63, Keystone Oaks 37

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
West Mifflin	10	0	20	3
Elizabeth Forward	8	2	20	4
Thomas Jefferson	6	4	10	12
Steel Valley	3	7	10	12
Belle Vernon Area	3	7	6	17
Yough	0	10	8	16

Today

BVA at Greensburg Central (8 p.m.)

Class AA

	Sec. 5 W	Sec. 5 L	Overall W	Overall L
Washington	12	0	22	1
Beth-Center	7	5	14	8
Charleroi	7	5	13	11
Brownsville	7	5	15	8
Bentworth	6	6	12	11
Burgettstown	2	10	5	19
C-Houston	1	11	5	19

Class A

	Sec. 2 W	Sec. 2 L	Overall W	Overall L
Geibel	10	0	17	5
Carmichaels	7	2	12	10
Mapletown	6	4	14	6
California	4	6	8	13
West Greene	1	8	1	20
Jeff-Morgan	1	9	3	20

Friday

Mapletown 39, Jeff-Morgan 30

Today

Carmichaels at West Greene, 6 p.m.

Class A

	Sec. 3 W	Sec. 3 L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	10	0	22	0
Serra	8	2	14	5
Clairton	5	5	9	8
Avella 5	5	11	9	
Trinity Christian	2	8	5	15
Frazier	0	10	0	23

Friday

Monessen 62, Wilkinsburg 27

High school basketball lineups

Boys

Monessen - 88

Minnie, 4-3-11; Pritchett, 6-1-14; P. Kunsa, 1-0-2; Brandemarte, 2-0-4; Tyree, 6-0-13; Stepoli, 9-0-19; Parker, 2-2-6; Jeffries, 5-0-12; Wall, 2-0-4; B. Kunsa, 1-0-3. Totals: FG - 38, F - 6 (6), T - 88.

Brownsville - 38

Roberts, 4-1-9; Brooks, 3-2-8; Chafin, 4-0-9; Allamon, 1-0-2; Kopacko, 1-1-3; Zentkovich, 0-5-5; Landman, 1-0-2. Totals; FG - 14, F - 9 (18), T - 38.

Score by quarters:

Brownsville	10	10	8	10	- 38
Monessen	22	20	26	20	- 88

Three-pointers: Monessen - Jeffries 2, Pritchett, Tyree, Stepoli, B. Kunsa. Brownsville - Chafin.

Belle Vernon Area - 61

Dudzinski, 5-11-21; Pohlot, 6-3-15; Williams, 4-0-10; Naylor, 1-2-4; Lustig, 3-3-9; Cieply, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 20, F - 19(23), T - 61.

Yough - 42

Hoffer, 4-2-10; Matvya, 5-1-13; Bashioum, 2-0-4; Altman, 2-0-5; Marvich, 1-1-3; Palfey, 1-0-2; Steban, 2-1-5. Totals: FG - 17, FT - 5(9), T - 42.

Score by quarters:

Yough	12	12	9	9	- 42
BV Area	15	11	19	16	- 61

Three pointers: BV Area - Williams 2; Yough - Matvya 2, Altman.

Ringgold - 52

Brownlee, 3-3-10; Bassi, 7-0-16; Madar, 2-0-5; Felix, 0-0-0; Resanavich, 5-1-12; Bekavec, 0-0-0; Smith, 0-0-0; Patch, 4-0-9; Mountain, 0-0-0; Yost, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 21, F - 4 (6), T - 52.

South Park - 50

Smith, 4-0-11; Flannery, 3-2-8; T. Fircak, 3-0-6; Harrison, 0-3-3; Griffin, 3-0-7; DiBaldo, 1-4-6; Bigley, 2-0-5; C. Fircak. Totals: FG - 16 , F - 12 (22), T - 50.

Score by quarters:

South Park	8	13	14	15	- 50
Ringgold	12	9	18	13	- 52

Three-pointers: Ringgold - Bassi 2, Brownlee, Resanavich, Patch. South Park - Smith 3, Griffin, Bigley.

Washington - 49

Wise, 0-4-4; Floyd, 2-0-4; Kelly, 3-3-10; Bryant, 6-1-13; J. Anderson, 8-0-16; R. Anderson, 1-0-2; Ellis, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 20, F - 8 (14), T - 49.

Charleroi - 45

Hank, 5-0-14; DiPiazza, 0-0-0; Obade, 4-0-8; Pappasergi, 3-0-8; Andrisko, 3-2-10; Bell, 0-0-0; Anderson, 0-0-0; Hooks, 2-1-5. Totals: FG - 17, F - 3 (6), T - 45.

Score by quarters:

Washington	5	17	14	9	4 - 49
Charleroi	15	7	13	10	0 - 45

Three-pointers: Charleroi - Hank 4, Pappsergi 2, Andrisko 2. Washington - Kelly.

Geibel - 63

Spotts, 2-2-6; Gira, 2-2-7; Erdely, 3-0-6; Craft, 13-0-26; Costantino, 7-1-18. Totals; FG - 27, F - 5 (11), T - 63.

California - 46

Carson, 4-0-11; Valentino, 4-1-11; Tyler, 1-0-2; Van Olst, 8-2-18; Booth,1-0-2; Shen, 1-0-2. Totals: FG - 19, F - 3 (6), T - 46.

Score by quarters:

California	10	5	20	11	- 46
Geibel	16	17	13	17	- 63

Three-pointers: Geibel - Costantino 3, Gira. California - Carson 3, Valentino 2.

Girls

Monessen - 62

Beveridge, 7-0-21; Minardi, 0-4-4; Chukwuedo, 8-4-20; Morank, 2-0-5; Popovich, 0-0-0; Stepoli, 5-2-12; Turner, 0-0-0; Hall, 0-0-0; Anderson, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 22, F - 10(19), T - 62.

Wilkinsburg - 27

Murray, 1-0-2; Herbert, 1-0-2; Brown, 1-0-2; Patterson, 2-0-4; Jackson, 8-0-17; Boes, 0-0-0; Scruggs, 0-0-0. Totals: FG - 13, F - 0 (4), T - 27.

Score by quarters:

Wilkinsburg	9	4	0	14	- 27
Monessen	14	17	20	11	- 62

Three-pointers: Monessen - Beveridge 7, Mornak. Wilkinsburg - Jackson.

High school basketball scores

BOYS

Aliquippa 75, Center 58
Allderdice 54, Brashear 50
Ambridge 31, Beaver Area 29
Baldwin 63, Bethel Park 61
Beaver Falls 94, New Brighton 51
Belle Vernon Area 61, Yough 42
Bentworth 77, Frazier 27
Canevin 70, Carlynton 52
Blackhawk 48, Ellwood City 15
Burgettstown 53, Chartiers-Houston 48
Butler 54, New Castle 41
Carrick 62, Westinghouse 42
Central Catholic 74, Fox Chapel 59
Chartiers Valley 62, Keystone Oaks 59
Connellsville 57, Albert Gallatin 47
Cornell 59, Sacred Heart 45
East Allegheny 71, Burrell 57
Geibel 63, California 46
Greensburg Salem 61, Derry Area 36
Highlands 73, Valley 60
Latrobe 64, Hempfield 62
Leechburg 50, Elderton 48
Linesville 57, West Middlesex 44
Mapletown 68, Jefferson-Morgan 54
Monaca 66, Quigley 22
Monessen 88, Brownsville 38
Montour 67, West Allegheny 61
Moon 56, Hampton 48
Mt. Pleasant 52, Southmoreland 40
Neshannock 66, Summit Academy 65
North Allegheny 53, North Hills 42
North Catholic 65, Northgate 51
Norwin 61, Penn-Trafford 60
Penn Hills 77, Woodland Hills 67
Perry Traditional Academy 42, Oliver 39
Peters Township 59, Canon-McMillan 58
Plum 54, Gateway 48
Quaker Valley 90, Freedom 61
Ringgold 52, South Park 50
Riverside 54, Mohawk 36
Schenley 65, Langley 48
Serra Catholic 79, Clairton 68
Seton-LaSalle 58, Brentwood 44
Sewickley Academy 38, Vincentian Academy 32
Shady Side Academy 61, Deer Lakes 46
Shaler 48, Pine-Richland 39
Shenango 61, Laurel 53
South Fayette 78, Fort Cherry 48
South Side Beaver 63, Rochester 58
Springdale 48, Riverview 46
St. Joseph 78, Trinity Christian 48
Steel Valley 52, West Mifflin 43
Sto-Rox 71, Avonworth 47
Thomas Jefferson 73, Elizabeth Forward 29
Trinity 60, McGuffey 44
Uniontown 64, Laurel Highlands 63
Upper St. Clair 56, Mount Lebanon 43
Washington 49, Charleroi 45
Waynesburg 66, Beth-Center 46

GIRLS

Allderdice 57, Brashear 54
Beaver Falls 63, New Brighton 40
Chartiers Valley 63, Keystone Oaks 37
Gateway 37, Franklin Regional 32
Hopewell 47, Beaver Area 36
Jeannette 54, Freeport 43
Mapletown 39, Jefferson-Morgan 30
Monessen 62, Wilkinsburg 27
New Castle 57, Butler 54
Perry Traditional Academy 53, Oliver 23
Schenley 62, Langley 17
Westinghouse 73, Carrick 22
Winchester Thurston 84, Peabody 50

College basketball

MEN

EAST

Canisius 88, Fairfield 60
Columbia 71, Yale 58
Cornell 75, Brown 64
Iona 60, St. Peter's 52
Penn 73, Harvard 69
Princeton 57, Dartmouth 53

SOUTH

ETSU 85, Mercer 79

WOMEN

EAST

Cornell 70, Brown 37
Dartmouth 68, Princeton 55
Fairfield 50, Niagara 44Harvard 63, Penn 62
Manhattan 59, Canisius 46
Marist 84, Rider 63St. Peter's 64, Siena 51
Yale 66, Columbia 59

SOUTH

Duke 85, Virginia Tech 50
Houston 70, Memphis 54
UAB 76, Rice 64
Virginia 74, N.C. State 49

SOUTHWEST

Texas-Pan American 79, Longwood 74

FAR WEST

Idaho St. 64, Weber St. 50

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	36	8	.818	—
Toronto	25	21	.543	12
New Jersey	20	26	.435	17
Philadelphia	18	29	.383	19 1/2
New York	14	31	.311	22 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	30	18	.625	—
Washington	24	21	.533	4 1/2
Atlanta	18	24	.429	9
Charlotte	18	28	.391	11
Miami	9	36	.200	19 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	33	13	.717	—
Cleveland	25	20	.556	7 1/2
Indiana	19	28	.404	14 1/2
Chicago	18	27	.400	14 1/2
Milwaukee	18	29	.383	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	32	13	.711	—
Dallas	31	14	.689	1
San Antonio	29	16	.644	3
Houston	26	20	.565	6 1/2
Memphis	13	33	.283	19 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	29	18	.617	—
Denver	27	18	.600	1
Portland	26	19	.578	2
Seattle	11	35	.239	17 1/2
Minnesota	10	36	.217	18 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	33	14	.702	—
L.A. Lakers	29	16	.644	3
Golden State	28	19	.596	5
Sacramento	20	24	.455	11 1/2
L.A. Clippers	14	29	.326	17

Friday's Games

Houston 106, Indiana 103
Orlando 108, Philadelphia 106
L.A. Lakers 121, Toronto 101
Utah 96, Washington 87
New Jersey 94, Miami 85
Minnesota 104, L.A. Clippers 83
New Orleans at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New York at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Today's Games

New Jersey at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Washington, Noon
Dallas at Detroit, 2:30 p.m.

Latest Line

Indiana is a solid 6-2 straight-up and 6-1-1 vs. the spread its last 8 games against Orlando. The Pacers are also 4-1-1 vs. the spread their last 6 home games in this series. Orlando has struggled of late vs. the Pacers and tonight will be no different. Take Indiana +3 1/2 for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Feb 3		
Super Bowl XLII		
University of Phoenix Stadium-Glendale, AZ.		
New England	12 (54)	NY Giants

College basketball

VILLANOVA	3 1/2	Syracuse
GEORGETOWN	16	Seton Hall
Marquette	2	CINCINNATI
GEORGIA TECH	4	Maryland
CONNECTICUT	3 1/2	Pittsburgh
GEORGIA	3	Kentucky
VIRGINIA TECH	5 1/2	Virginia
Kent State	6	TOLEDO
MEMPHIS	23	Texas El Paso
c-MISSOURI	OFF	Kansas State
TEXAS	8 1/2	Baylor
TEXAS TECH	6	Oklahoma State
Massachusetts	3	ST. LOUIS
GEORGE MASON	15	James Madison
RHODE ISLAND	8 1/2	Dayton
Miami-Ohio	5	BALL STATE
ALABAMA	10	LSU
Tulane	9	RICE
LOUISVILLE	19	Rutgers
ARKANSAS	4	Florida
WASHINGTON STATE	4	Stanford
NC CHARLOTTE	12	Richmond
Ohio	9	NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Simpson asks judge to bar '95 mentioning

O.J.'s attorney says murder trial has no bearing on new case.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — O.J. Simpson wants a judge to bar any mention of the former football star's 1995 acquittal in the slayings of his former wife and her friend when he stands trial on kidnapping and armed robbery charges, his attorney said Friday.

"We don't want the state to be able to bring that up at all," attorney Gabriel Grasso said. "That's not part of this case."

Grasso also filed court papers seeking the dismissal of half the 12 charges against Simpson, saying prosecutors in Nevada failed to meet legal standards to prosecute him.

"They're charging O.J. with ... the specific intent to commit robbery," Grasso said, citing Nevada law underlying the felony charge of robbery. "He wasn't stealing from somebody else. He was taking back something that was his."

Simpson, 60, is accused of leading five other men in a gunpoint robbery of two memorabilia dealers who were peddling collectibles associated with Simpson, including the suit he wore the day he was acquitted in the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman.

Simpson has denied any knowledge of guns being involved in the confrontation. He has said he intended only to retrieve items that had been stolen from him by a former agent.

"Simpson's indisputable sole intent to retrieve his own property negates the crime of robbery as charged," Grasso said in Thursday's court filing. He also contended that "the crime of kidnapping was not shown to exist to the slight or marginal extent required under Nevada law."

Grasso said Simpson would fight the other six charges against him at his trial, set to begin April 7. Those counts include burglary, coercion and assault with a deadly weapon.

On Friday, Clark County District Attorney David Roger filed four motions, including a request to be able to tell jurors that Simpson was trying to tamper with a witness when he left a telephone message allegedly asking his former bail bondsman to pass a message to co-defendant Clarence "C.J." Stewart. He declined comment pending a March 7 hearing.

"We're going to let the documents speak for themselves," said Dan Kulin, a spokesman for the district attorney's office.

District Judge Jackie Glass has set a Feb. 21 deadline for prosecutors to respond and a March 7 hearing on motions in the case.

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SPORTS

Burress' knee has him as questionable for Super Bowl

Star receiver misses Friday's practice with ailment.

New York Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress officially is listed as questionable for Super Bowl XLII because of his injured right ankle and swelling in his left knee.

Burress went down on the injury report as "did not practice," although he tried to do some things in the individual portion of Friday's 80-minute workout at the Arizona Cardinals' headquarters. Burress stretched and loosened up with his teammates. For the first time since arriving in Phoenix, Burress ran a few routes in drills to test out his legs.

"He did run a few things in individual," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "He ran a couple of slants. He took a play in the 'green' zone, and that was about all we did with him."

But the fact Burress was on the field instead of in the training room Friday gives the Giants optimism he could be able to play. The Giants wide receiver has been dealing with his ankle problems all season. His left knee has had problems off and on this year.

"He's improved," Coughlin said. "He's done it all year under all kinds of circumstances. We've just got to be hopeful he can do it one more time."

Burress stood on the side during the team portion of practice holding his helmet.

"Obviously, if we felt he could go, he would have gone the whole time," Coughlin said.

Defensive end Osi Umenyiora missed Friday's practice with a sore thigh. He's listed as probable. Cornerback Kevin Dockery, who missed four of the past five games with a hip flexor, had his second consecutive full day of practice and is probable. Guard Rich Seubert, who injured a knee in the second half of the NFC Championship Game, had his second full day of practice this week and is also probable.

With a walkthrough scheduled for today at the Cardinals' facility, Coughlin felt good about the team's three days of work in Phoenix. He described practices as energetic and enthusiastic.

"It was a good solid work week," Coughlin said. "We talked about coming over here and having a solid six hours together. We had that each day we worked."

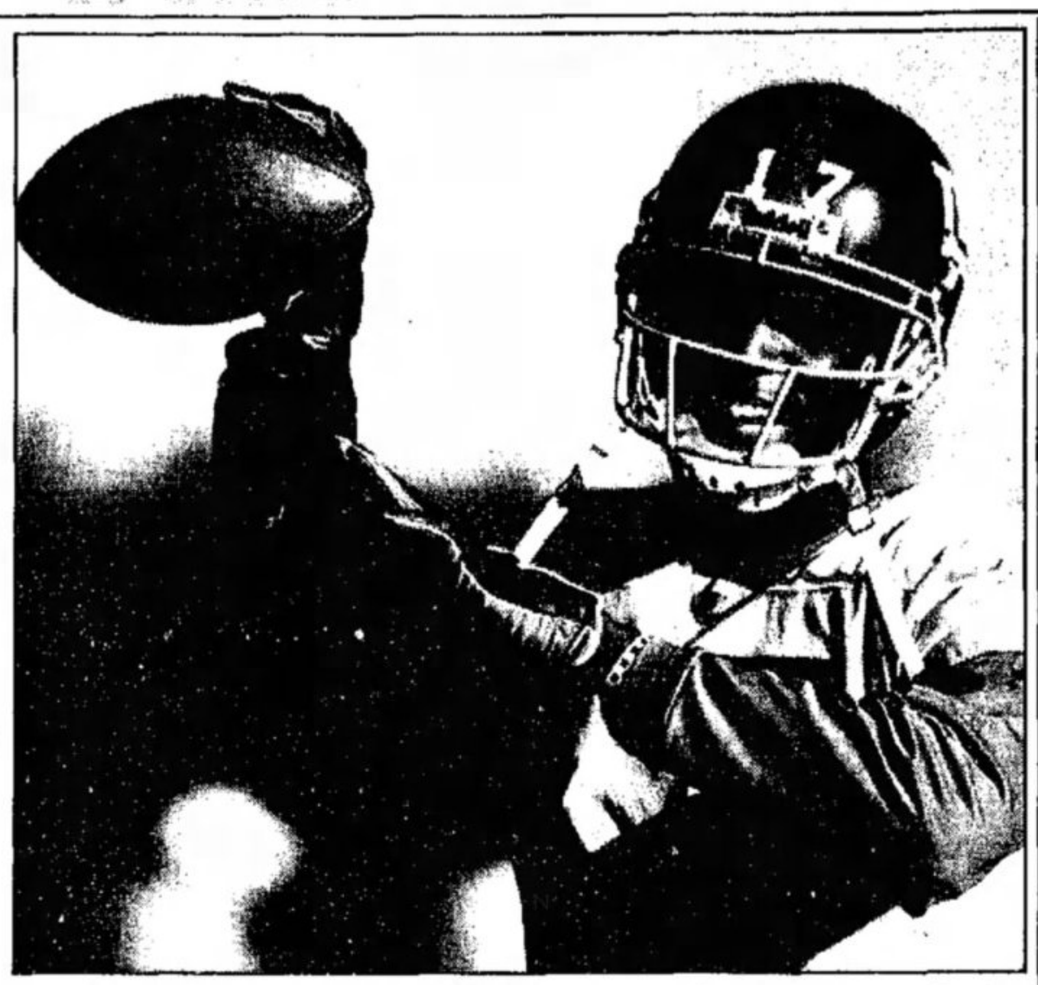
Meanwhile, the Patriots concluded their preparations for Super Bowl XLII with a crisp workout in shorts and shells at Sun Devil Stadium that lasted an hour and 20 minutes Friday.

"We're ready to roll," coach Bill Belichick said. "We're ready as we're going to be."

Belichick said the team will not have a walk-through at University of Phoenix Stadium today. The Patriots will go to the stadium to take a team photo.

Wide receiver Jabar Gaffney's shoulder injury has improved, and Gaffney was able to participate fully in practice. Quarterback Tom Brady's ankle continued to be a non-issue. So the Patriots look to be completely healthy.

Pro Football Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown spoke to the team before practice at Belichick's request.



Plaxico Burress was all smiles at practice Thursday, but a no-show on Friday.

Goodell defends destroying spygate tapes

Commissioner says action was right to do.

PHOENIX (AP) — Spygate won't go away.

Roger Goodell defended his decision to destroy notes and videotapes linked to the New England Patriots' cheating scandal Friday, a day after Sen. Arlen Specter asked why the NFL commissioner trashed the evidence.

"The action that we took was decisive and it was unprecedented," Goodell said during his State of the NFL address, an annual news conference at the Super Bowl.

"I believe it was helpful in making sure our instructions were followed closely by not only the Patriots, but also by every other team. I think it was the appropriate thing to do. Our discipline sent a loud message ..."

Specter, R-Pa., said Goodell's explanation, "didn't make any sense at all."

"If they are under lock and key at the NFL headquarters, they aren't going to be available at all," he said in Philadelphia.

But Goodell said a copy of one of six tapes made either in 2006 or during the 2007 preseason had, indeed, made its way to the media before all the tapes were destroyed.

"They may have collected it within the rules, but we couldn't determine that. So we felt that it should be destroyed," he said.

Goodell fined coach Bill Belichick $500,000 and docked the team $250,000 and a first-round draft pick. It was the biggest fine ever for a coach and the first time in NFL history a first-round draft pick has figured in a penalty.

Specter also wondered just how much information the Patriots were collecting on those tapes.

"They talked about defensive signals and don't say if there was any taping or stealing of offensive signals," he said. "The fine was for the totality of the circumstances, not just the taping. Well, wait a minute, what else is involved here?"

Spygate has touched a nerve with nearly everyone who follows the NFL and easily was the most prominent topic during Goodell's address two days before the undefeated Patriots meet the New York Giants in the Super Bowl. He was asked about it a half-dozen times, from the first question until the last.

"The actual effectiveness of taping and taking of signals from opponents — it is something done widely in many sports. I think it probably had limited, if any effect, on the outcome of games," he said. "That doesn't change my perspective on violating rules and the need to be punished."

NFL security confiscated a video camera and tape from a Patriots employee during New England's 38-14 victory over the New York Jets in the season opener. The employee was accused of aiming his camera at the Jets' defensive coaches as they signaled to players on the field.

Congress is interested because, according to Specter, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, the issue could put the league's antitrust exemption at risk.

"I do believe that it is a matter of importance," Specter said. "It's not going to displace the stimulus package or the Iraq war, but I think the integrity of football is very important, and I think the National Football League has a special duty to the American people — and further the Congress — because they have an antitrust exemption."

Spygate managed to grab its share of headlines even during the biggest game of the NFL season, the Super Bowl.

Brady is Pats' 'Mr. Perfect'

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The woman in the revealing pink camisole gave a final tug to her low-rider jeans, wiggled her way through the media pack and planted herself right in front of Tom Brady.

One look into his twinkling blue eyes and she was lost. Flustered, she asked what it would take to beat the New York Jets in the Super Bowl.

Brady broke into a big grin.

"Jets, Giants. New York, they're all the same," he said, glossing over the gaffe.

No one was more appreciative than that TV reporter from Mexico.

"He's like Mr. Perfect," she said.

Well, let's see: Dimpled, dreamy looks that someday could land him in Hollywood or the halls of Congress, a former Victoria's Secret strutter for a girlfriend and an NFL star so bright he might outshine the Super Bowl all by himself.

"I wouldn't change places with too many people," Brady said.

Certainly not on Sunday. Only 30, he will try to lead his unbeaten New England Patriots past New York — the Giants, that is — in America's biggest game. A win would mark his fourth title, matching the record set by Hall of Fame quarterbacks Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw.

Pretty neat for a guy who's freshman team went 0-8-1. He was good at baseball, too, and was drafted as a catcher by the Montreal Expos. Then again, his Bay Area high school had already produced someone who could swing a bat — Barry Bonds.

"I've never been a great athlete," the two-time Super Bowl MVP said. "I feel some of my strengths are my awareness and decision-making."

His humility is what attracts others. Take it from a guy who ought to know.

Back in 1980, country musician Mac Davis wrote a tune that he was supposed to sing in "North Dallas Forty," a football movie he starred in. The song got cut from the film — later, he wound up with a hit in the playful "Oh Lord It's Hard to be Humble."

"He is a stud," Davis said of Brady.

That's not quite how Tom MacKenzie remembers Brady.

MacKenzie was Brady's high school coach at Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, Calif. Brady came from a family of talented athletes and after playing linebacker worked his way up to quarterback and earned a scholarship to Michigan.

"His sisters tell a story about how he wrote an essay for an English class that he was going to prove to his big sisters that he would be a household name," MacKenzie said.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Sam Mitchell had 15 points in California's 52-48 loss to Carmichaels.

Diane Bury scored 24 points in Mon Valley Catholic's 48-44 win over Waynesburg.

The Pittsburgh Pirates signed relief pitcher Elias Sosa from the Los Angeles Dodgers.

20 Years Ago

Sophomore Melissa Lazzari had 20 points in Ringgold's 70-29 rout over Uniontown.

Mon Valley Catholic downed Beth-Center, 49-30, behind Holli Martos' 22 points.

Nadine Turner scored 19 points in Monessen's 66-38 loss to Geibel.

Julie Claybaugh scored 16 points in Charleroi's 73-59 win over Brownsville.

Veteran offensive tackle Ray Pinney became a free agent for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Jack Ham, Mike Ditka, Fred Biletnikoff and Alan Page were selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

10 Years Ago

Sophomore Latitia Willams scored 23 points as Monessen walloped Carmichaels, 67-29, for its 15th straight win.

Tracey Rodriguez and Sasha Zuro both had 13 points in Belle Vernon Area's 53-47 loss to South Park.

Kristin Lancas had 11 points in Ringgold's 56-33 loss to Laurel Highlands.

Charleroi topped Frazier, 55-52, behind Katie Davis' 22 points.

The Pittsburgh Steelers released veteran linebacker Jerry Olsavsky.

Girlfriend: Steelers' Wilson told me 'kill yourself'

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The ex-girlfriend of Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Cedrick Wilson says he encouraged her to commit suicide during the events leading up to her armed standoff at his home last month. Wilson vehemently denied the allegations through his attorney.

Police withdrew charges of aggravated assault and reckless endangerment against the woman, Lindsey Paulat, on Friday. But she waived her right to a preliminary hearing and will stand trial on a new felony charge, discharging a firearm in an occupied structure.

After the hearing, Paulat said Wilson urged her to shoot herself after he left his house. She stayed in the house and later held police at bay for about 12 hours. She surrendered just before 1 a.m. Jan. 20 and was taken to a mental health facility, authorities said.

"I had called him and said, 'You hurt me so bad you make me want to die,'" Paulat told KDKA-TV. "And he said, 'The gun is loaded, go get it and kill yourself.'"

"I repeatedly called him and he kept telling me to kill myself," Paulat told the station.

Wilson did not speak with The Associated Press, but answered questions relayed to him by his attorney, Paul Goltz.

Goltz said Wilson didn't speak with Paulat by phone until after police got involved trying to quell the standoff. Those conversations were monitored by police who urged Wilson to be conciliatory to end the dispute, Goltz said.

"He's a victim of her abusive behavior and it hasn't stopped to this very moment," Goltz said. "He didn't give her the gun, she knew where it was."

About the only thing both sides agree on is that Paulat fired two shots from the gun after Wilson left the house.

Paulat's attorney, Michael DeRiso, said the first shot was fired when Paulat was trying to uncock the gun. The second was fired accidentally into the ceiling after Paulat's mother came to the house to try to calm her down after Wilson left, DeRiso said.

Paulat, 26, of Fawn Township, did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press.

Northern Regional Police Department Chief Robert Amman was not available for comment Friday.

Bill **HUGHES**

Cena's return unexpected

When John Cena made a surprise return at the Royal Rumble, a lot of fans were shocked to see him.

After all, Cena was supposed to be out until April because of his pectoral injury.

Throw in the fact that he is about to make a new movie, and it was a safe bet that he would not return to the ring any time soon.

Considering that the WWE had been having Cena make the media rounds saying that he would like to make an appearance at Mania, it is fair to say that there weren't many people expecting to see him in the Royal Rumble let alone win it.

FLAIR VS. HBK AT MANIA?

It looks like the WWE may have their dream match for this year's Mania.

Apparently, all signs are pointing to a Shawn Michaels vs. Ric Flair match at WrestleMania 24, with Flair retiring.

If the match does take place, look for Michaels to be booed out of the Citrus Bowl, where Mania is taking place.

LEGENDARY TAPING REVIEWED

On Jan. 26, 1987, the then-WWF held what may have been one of the most historic TV tapings in professional wrestling history.

Before breaking down the tapings, remember that at that point in time, there was no live wrestling on TV and both the WWF and NWA ran weeks of tapings in one night. On this specific night, the WWF ran three weeks worth of tapings.

The show took place at the Sundome in Tampa and featured a tag team title change from the British Bulldogs (Dynamite Kid and Davy Boy Smith) to the Hart Foundation (Bret Hart and Jim Neidhart).

Dynamite Kid had been legitimately injured a few days earlier and was hit with Jimmy Hart's megaphone and never tagged in.

This would be the only tag title reign for the legendary Bulldogs, who may have been the greatest in-ring tag team of all-time.

The title win gave Bret Hart the first of his nine WWE title wins (five heavyweight, two Intercontinental, and two tag).

More importantly at the tapings was the setup of the Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant match for WrestleMania III.

During the first taping, Andre turned on Hogan during a Piper's Pit segment and challenged him to a match at III. As a 10-year old kid at the time, I was terrified that my hero had to face a giant

In the second taping, Hogan accepted on Piper's Pit in what was an amazing moment for Hogan fans because he accepted the challenge (as he always did), but was this going to be the one time he could not conquer evil?

In the third taping, Roddy Piper announced that he would retire after facing "Adorable" Adrian Adonis at III.

So in one night, a legend won his first title, the most hyped match in wrestling history began its journey, and another legend announced he would be retiring shortly.

It is a safe bet to say that the fans got their monies worth that night.

RECALLING SASHA ZURO

This week's column is dedicated to the memory of Sasha Zuro.

I had known Sasha since her middle school days when she played for BVA against my sister, Jess, who played for Monessen at the time.

After Jess transferred to BVA, I got to know Sasha better as they helped lead their 1997, '98, and '99 teams to the only girls' section basketball titles in the school's history.

A fun-loving person, Sasha was a beautiful woman who was an even more beautiful person.

My deepest heartfelt condolences go out to both her family and the family of Jonathan Murt.

Young love is too much too soon for son's parents

Dear ABBY

DEAR ABBY: Our youngest son, "Devin," is 15. He has been seeing a girl I'll call "Allison" for five months. Allison's parents allow them to hang out at their house with parental supervision.

Devin has come home twice with hickeys, and once with permanent marker on his chest and abdomen saying "Allison's boob" and "Allison's property."

I have spoken to Allison's father more than once about their extreme intimacy at this age. (She's 14.) He assures me that they are supervised.

I feel my son is too young for this relationship, but I am unsure that forcing it to end would be the best option. We invite Allison over as often as our work schedules allow. They are allowed to listen to music in his room, but the door is always open, and we're "hovering" most of the time. We also engage in family games with her and our son.

How can we get this relationship out of the bedroom and into the light? — **FURIOUS IN VENTURA, CALIF.**

DEAR FURIOUS: You have described two healthy, normal young people with too much time on their hands and one set of parents with their heads in the sand.

The time has come to involve your son in after-school sports, an extracurricular class or a part-time job. Any of these will allow Devin less time in Allison's bedroom.

If that's not feasible, then I urge you to ensure that your son is fully informed about birth control and sexually transmitted diseases and has access to condoms. The same goes for Allison. Better to be safe than sorry.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I was pregnant with my son. When I was eight months along, my cousin gave me a baby walker that I had listed on my registry. She then left on a trip out of the country.

A week later, my baby boy was stillborn. I was devastated. When my cousin returned from her trip, she actually asked me to return her gift. She said that since the baby was dead, she didn't think I "needed it" anymore.

Perhaps that was true, but I was outraged at her actions. Do I have any right to be so mad? — **MOURNING IN OHIO**

DEAR MOURNING: Your cousin's request was outrageously insensitive, and her timing was awful. Under the circumstances, your reaction was natural and justified. Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.

DEAR ABBY: Although I have lived in Denver for a number of years, I still have a very thick, very Southern accent. I am often asked, "Where did you come from?" My answer is usually, "From my mother!"

Am I overly sensitive, or are people being rude? If you have a more appropriate answer, please share it with me. — **DRAWLING IN DENVER**

DEAR DRAWLING: When people hear an accent — regional or foreign — they are inclined to be curious. Although it is technically rude to ask a stranger a personal question about his or her background, I don't think it's meant to be insulting. Because you don't care to elaborate on your background, your answer is fine.

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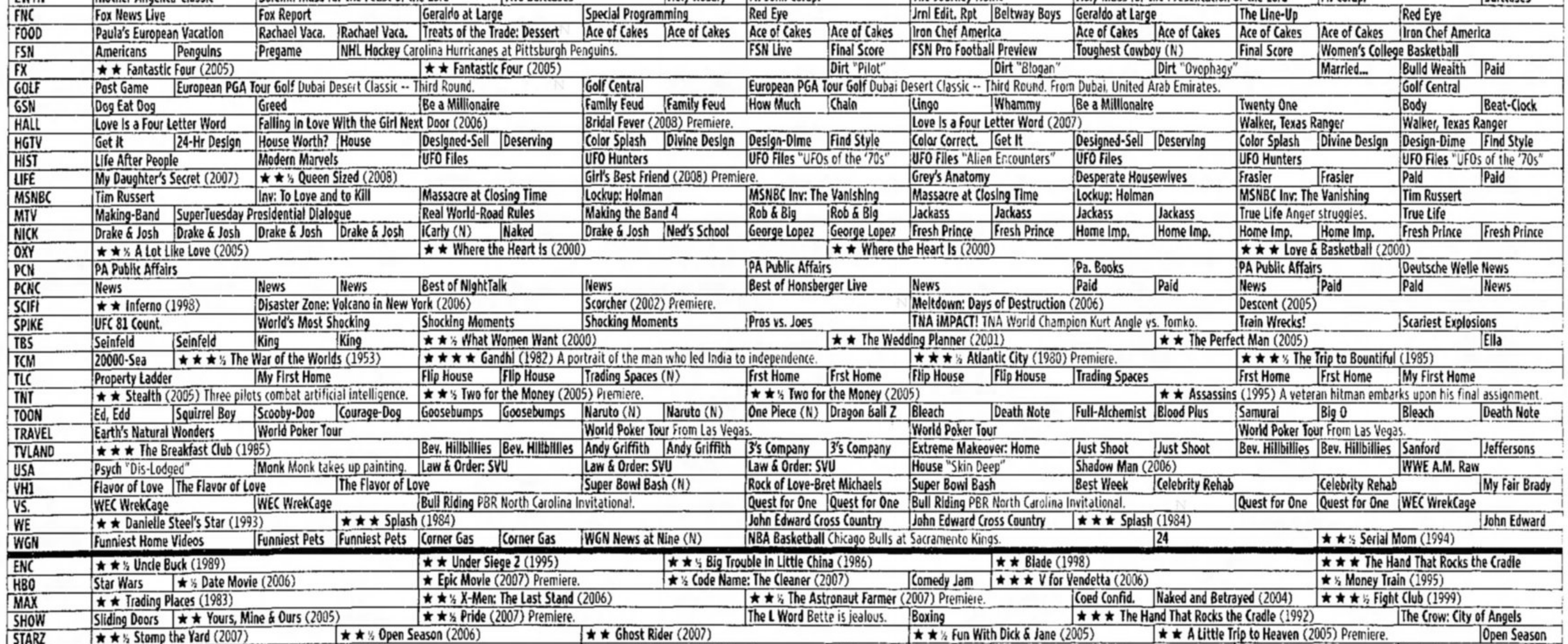
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	CBS Evening News (N)	(2) News/ (7) Entertainment Tonight Celebrities./ (10) Inside Edition	(2) The Insider (N)/ (10) Two and a Half Men	Ghost Whisperer "Drowned Lives" The spirit of a 6-year-old girl is unwilling to cross over.		48 Hours Mystery (N)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News (N)	CSI: Miami "Extreme" Horatio investigates the murder of an adrenaline junkie.		(2) CSI: Miami "Complications"/ (7) Without a Trace "Trials"/ (10) Cold Case "Revenge"		(2) Lyons & Bailes Reel Talk/ (7) Cold Case/ (10) Without a Trace	(2) Made In Hollywood: Teen Edition (N)	(2) Paid Prog./ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) At the Movies-Ebert & Roeper
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) Paid	ABC's World News Saturday (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight Celebrities.	(23) Wheel of Fortune "Charleston, S.C. Week"	★★★ War of the Worlds (2005) A New Jersey man and his two children face an epic battle for survival when hostile aliens invade Earth. Premiere.						(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	(4) Ebert & Roeper/ (23) Law/Ord SVU	(4) Access Hollywood (N)	(23) Lyons & Bailes Reel Talk (N)	(4) Paid/ (23) Girls Behaving Badly	Paid	(4) Every 9 Seconds/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Ent. Tonight/ (9) College Basketball: W.Va. at Providence/	(11) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire	(6) (11) American Gladiators A high-school teacher competes against a medical sales rep; a wrestling coach competes against a chiropractor.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Paternity" An Internet love interest is an obvious suspect.		Law & Order "Darkness" Murdered housekeeper, missing wife and and daughter.		News (N)	Saturday Night Live Tom Brady; Beck.			(6) Star Trek/ (9) Cash Explosion/ (11) Cops	(9) Star Trek/ (11) NASCAR Angels	(6) Masterminds/ (11) Da Vinci's Inquest	(6) Masterminds "Bandit Queen"/ (9) Entertainers (N)
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Friends	(8) American Idol Rewind/ (53) Friends	(53) Seinfeld George confronts his cowardliness.	Cops "Wild Chases" Officers in Washington.	Cops High-speed chase. (N)	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Mad TV (N)		Talkshow With Spike Feresten (N)	(8) Chappelle's Show/ (53) Paid	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Paid/ (53) Sex and the City	(8) Core Fitness Secrets/ (53) Layover (2000)	(8) Real Estate Millionaire Show
(13) WOED	Antiques Roadshow "Orlando, Florida"		The Lawrence Welk Show "Time Was"		Keeping Up Appearances	Are You Being Served?	As Time Goes By	Waiting for God	The New Red Green Show	Excellent Adventures	Roadtrip Nation	Rare Visions-Revelations	Favorites					
(19) WPCW	Cold Case "Revenge"		College Basketball West Virginia at Providence.				The King of Queens	The King of Queens	The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Steelers TV	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Girls Behaving Badly	Showtime at the Apollo KeKe Wyatt; Cassidy. (N)		★★★ Black Hawk Down (2001)	
(22) WPMY	★★ A Good Night to Die		Family Guy	Family Guy	NFL Total Access (N)		Globetrotters		UFC Wired		Paid	Paid	One on One	One on One	My Wife-Kids	Paid	Soul Train	
(40) WPCB	The Time Is Now!		The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.								The Time Is Now! Annual fundraiser.							
(59) WBGN	kinetic.tv	Paid	Paid	Paid	Dead Like Me		Stargate Atlantis (N)		It's Alive!				Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	★★★ Die Hard With a Vengeance (1995)				★★★ Matchstick Men (2003) Premiere.					Parking Wars	Flip This House		★★★ Matchstick Men (2003) A con man bonds with his daughter and plans a swindle.					
ABCFAM	★★ Down Periscope (1996)				★★ Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000) Premiere.				★★ Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (2000)				★★ The Beverly Hillbillies (1993)				Paid	Paid
AMC	★★ The In-Laws (2003)				★★★ Father of the Bride (1991) Premiere.				★★½ Father of the Bride Part II (1995)				★★★ Father of the Bride (1991)				Father of the Bride Part II	
ANPL	Animal Cops Houston		The Most Extreme		Dog Show "AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2008" More than 3,000 dogs compete. (N)						Dog Show "AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2008" More than 3,000 dogs compete.						The Most Extreme	
BBC	Doctor Who		Doctor Who		Torchwood		Torchwood "Sleeper" (N)		The Graham Norton Show		Torchwood		Torchwood "Sleeper"		The Graham Norton Show		Torchwood	
BET	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	★★½ First Time Felon (1997)					Comicview	American Gangster	
BRAVO	Make Me a Supermodel		Real Housewives		Real Housewives Confess		★ Coyote Ugly (2000) Premiere.				★ Coyote Ugly (2000)				Make Me a Supermodel		Real Housewives Confess	
CMT	CMT Music	Gone Country		Gone Country	★★★½ Fried Green Tomatoes (1991) Premiere.						Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Greatest Redneck Moments		Online Awds	CMT Music	
CNBC	Build Wealth	Paid	Deal or No Deal		Millionaire Inside: Debt		The Suze Orman Show (N)		Touchdown Patriots Winning		Millionaire Inside: Debt		The Suze Orman Show		Touchdown Patriots Winning		Paid	Paid
CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week		To Be Announced						Newsroom		Broken Government		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		Broken Government	
COM	★★½ Spaceballs (1987)		Scrubs	Scrubs	★★ National Lampoon's Van Wilder (2002)				Dane Cook Vicious Circle			South Park	Reno 911!	S. Silverman	Rodney Carrington		Rodney Carrington	
COURT	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Evidence	Evidence	Arrest & Trial	Arrest & Trial	Hwood Heat	Hwood Heat	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Evidence	Evidence	Arrest & Trial	Arrest & Trial
CSPAN	Pres. Address	Commun.	America & the Courts		American Perspectives						American Perspectives						C-SPAN Weekend	
DISC	Behind The Great Wall				Dog Show "AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2008" More than 3,000 dogs compete. (N)						Smash Lab "Train Crash"		Dog Show "AKC/Eukanuba National Championship 2008" More than 3,000 dogs compete.					
DISNEY	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	Han. Montana	The Suite Life	Zack & Cody	Cory in House	★★ Big Fat Liar (2002)				The Suite Life	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Cash Queens of Music		E! News Weekend		★★★ That Thing You Do! (1996)					Saturday Night Live		Chelsea	The Soup	Wildest Wed	Saturday Night Live		The Soup	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter Special				College GameDay		College Basketball Arizona at UCLA.				SportsCenter		Midnight	Fastbreak	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	College Basketball DePaul at Notre Dame.				SportsCentury		SportsCentury		SportsCentury	SportsCentury		SportsCentury	SportsCentury	SportsCentury		SportsCentury		SportsCentury
ESPN2	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bwl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl	Super Bowl
EWTN	Mother Angelica-Classic		Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Lord			Two Suitcases		Holy Rosary	Fr. John Corapi		The Journey Home		Holy Mass for the Presentation of the Lord			Fr. Corapi		Suitcases
FNC	Fox News Live		Fox Report		Geraldo at Large		Special Programming		Red Eye		Jrnl Edit. Rpt	Beltway Boys	Geraldo at Large		The Line-Up		Red Eye	
FOOD	Paula's European Vacation		Rachael Vaca.	Rachael Vaca.	Treats of the Trade: Dessert		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Iron Chef America		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Iron Chef America	
FSN	Americans	Penguins	Pregame	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Pittsburgh Penguins.					FSN Live	Final Score	FSN Pro Football Preview		Toughest Cowboy (N)		Final Score	Women's College Basketball		
FX	★★ Fantastic Four (2005)				★★ Fantastic Four (2005)					Dirt "Pilot"		Dirt "Blogan"		Dirt "Ovophagy"		Married...	Build Wealth	Paid
GOLF	Post Game	European PGA Tour Golf Dubai Desert Classic -- Third Round.					Golf Central		European PGA Tour Golf Dubai Desert Classic -- Third Round. From Dubai, United Arab Emirates.								Golf Central	
GSN	Dog Eat Dog		Greed		Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	How Much	Chain	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Twenty One		Body	Beat-Clock
HALL	Love Is a Four Letter Word		Falling In Love With the Girl Next Door (2006)				Bridal Fever (2008) Premiere.				Love Is a Four Letter Word (2007)				Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Get It	24-Hr Design	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Deserving	Color Splash	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Find Style	Color Correct.	Get It	Designed-Sell	Deserving	Color Splash	Divine Design	Design-Dime	Find Style
HIST	Life After People		Modern Marvels		UFO Files		UFO Hunters		UFO Files "UFOs of the '70s"		UFO Files "Alien Encounters"		UFO Files		UFO Hunters		UFO Files "UFOs of the '70s"	
LIFE	My Daughter's Secret (2007)		★★½ Queen Sized (2008)				Girl's Best Friend (2008) Premiere.				Grey's Anatomy		Desperate Housewives		Frasier	Frasier	Paid	Paid
MSNBC	Tim Russert		Inv: To Love and to Kill		Massacre at Closing Time		Lockup: Holman		MSNBC Inv: The Vanishing		Massacre at Closing Time		Lockup: Holman		MSNBC Inv: The Vanishing		Tim Russert	
MTV	Making-Band	SuperTuesday Presidential Dialogue			Real World-Road Rules		Making the Band 4		Rob & Big	Rob & Big	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	True Life Anger struggles.		True Life	
NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	iCarly (N)	Naked	Drake & Josh	Ned's School	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	★★½ A Lot Like Love (2005)				★★ Where the Heart Is (2000)					★★ Where the Heart Is (2000)					★★★ Love & Basketball (2000)			
PCN	PA Public Affairs								PA Public Affairs				Pa. Books		PA Public Affairs		Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	News		News	News	Best of NightTalk		News		Best of Honsberger Live		News		Paid	Paid	News	Paid	Paid	News
SCIFI	★★ Inferno (1998)		Disaster Zone: Volcano in New York (2006)				Scorcher (2002) Premiere.				Meltdown: Days of Destruction (2006)				Descent (2005)			
SPIKE	UFC 81 Count.		World's Most Shocking		Shocking Moments		Shocking Moments		Pros vs. Joes		TNA iMPACT! TNA World Champion Kurt Angle vs. Tomko.				Train Wrecks!		Scariest Explosions	
TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	King	King	★★½ What Women Want (2000)					★★ The Wedding Planner (2001)			★★ The Perfect Man (2005)					Ella
TCM	20000-Sea	★★★½ The War of the Worlds (1953)			★★★★ Gandhi (1982) A portrait of the man who led India to independence.						★★★½ Atlantic City (1980) Premiere.				★★★½ The Trip to Bountiful (1985)			
TLC	Property Ladder		My First Home		Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces (N)		Frst Home	Frst Home	Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces		Frst Home	Frst Home	My First Home	
TNT	★★ Stealth (2005) Three pilots combat artificial intelligence.				★★½ Two for the Money (2005) Premiere.				★★½ Two for the Money (2005)					★★ Assassins (1995) A veteran hitman embarks upon his final assignment.				
TOON	Ed, Edd	Squirrel Boy	Scooby-Doo	Courage-Dog	Goosebumps	Goosebumps	Naruto (N)	Naruto (N)	One Piece (N)	Dragon Ball Z	Bleach	Death Note	Full-Alchemist	Blood Plus	Samurai	Big O	Bleach	Death Note
TRAVEL	Earth's Natural Wonders		World Poker Tour				World Poker Tour From Las Vegas.				World Poker Tour				World Poker Tour From Las Vegas.			
TVLAND	★★★ The Breakfast Club (1985)				Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	3's Company	3's Company	Extreme Makeover: Home		Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Psych "Dis-Lodged"		Monk Monk takes up painting.		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		House "Skin Deep"		Shadow Man (2006)				WWE A.M. Raw	
VH1	Flavor of Love	The Flavor of Love		The Flavor of Love			Super Bowl Bash (N)		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Super Bowl Bash		Best Week	Celebrity Rehab		Celebrity Rehab		My Fair Brady
VS.	WEC WrekCage		WEC WrekCage		Bull Riding PBR North Carolina Invitational.				Quest for One	Quest for One	Bull Riding PBR North Carolina Invitational.				Quest for One	Quest for One	WEC WrekCage	
WE	★★ Danielle Steel's Star (1993)			★★★ Splash (1984)					John Edward Cross Country		John Edward Cross Country		★★★ Splash (1984)					John Edward
WGN	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	WGN News at Nine (N)		NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Sacramento Kings.					24		★★½ Serial Mom (1994)		
ENC	★★½ Uncle Buck (1989)				★★ Under Siege 2 (1995)				★★½ Big Trouble in Little China (1986)			★★ Blade (1998)				★★★ The Hand That Rocks the Cradle		
HBO	Star Wars	★½ Date Movie (2006)			★ Epic Movie (2007) Premiere.				★½ Code Name: The Cleaner (2007)		Comedy Jam	★★★ V for Vendetta (2006)				★½ Money Train (1995)		
MAX	★★ Trading Places (1983)				★★½ X-Men: The Last Stand (2006)				★★½ The Astronaut Farmer (2007) Premiere.				Coed Confid.	Naked and Betrayed (2004)		★★★½ Fight Club (1999)		
SHOW	Sliding Doors	★★ Yours, Mine & Ours (2005)			★★½ Pride (2007) Premiere.				The L Word Bette is jealous.		Boxing		★★★ The Hand That Rocks the Cradle (1992)				The Crow: City of Angels	
STARZ	★★½ Stomp the Yard (2007)			★★½ Open Season (2006)			★★ Ghost Rider (2007)				★★½ Fun With Dick & Jane (2005)			★★ A Little Trip to Heaven (2005) Premiere.				Open Season
TMC	★★½ Meatballs (1979)		★★½ Last Holiday (2006)				Succubus: Hell-Bent (2007) Premiere.			Masters of Horror		Succubus: Hell-Bent (2007)			Masters of Horror		★★ Waiting ... (2005)	



FEATURES

Frugal Living

Safe, secure self-storage tips

Sara **NOEL**

While I advocate simplifying your home by decluttering, there are times you might need to pack stuff away.

According to the Self Storage Association, 10 percent of U.S. households are currently renting a self-storage unit. For various reasons, such as moving, remodeling, college, military deployment or business, you might be one of the people who needs to park your stuff elsewhere. You can explore free options such as using space at friends and relatives, but no one wants to be inconvenienced for long, so self-storage can be money well spent. There are a few things to consider before hauling all your goods that will save you time and money. I asked my Web readers to share their best self-storage tips, and now I'm passing the most useful tips on to you.

BUY INSURANCE: Get renters insurance. It's not expensive, but thieves do sometimes get into these things, and your possessions are not covered by the owners insurance. Also, don't miss a payment. They have the right to seize your possessions as part of the signed rental agreement. — **Lisa C., Texas**

KEEP RECEIPTS: Rent a unit with a door inside the building, not a unit with the door on the outside. Check your unit periodically to be sure everything is OK. Keep all records of payments. — **Shoiji, e-mail**

USE PALLETS: Check your space after the first big rain and make sure there aren't leaks. Use pallets, plastic totes or sheets of plastic on the floor to keep stuff from getting wet. — **Ilovechocolate, Georgia**

BUY A QUALITY LOCK: A heavy-duty lock is a must. Disc locks are good because they don't break as easily as cheap locks. If it's winter, get lock de-icer because it doesn't take much for locks to freeze. The place you rent your storage from might have both for sale. Ask whether they have 24-hour monitoring or an onsite manager, too. — **Jim L., New York**

EASY ACCESS: Know the hours of operation. Also, you might want a place that's nearby if you're storing anything you might need. Find out whether you can pull a vehicle right up to the door and whether they provide carts or dollies. I was worried about feeling safe being there alone at night, too. — **Caroline G., Florida**

BE ORGANIZED: Plastic isn't a good way to protect your things. It can encourage mildew from humidity. I found out the hard way. Boxes need air and space for ventilation, so don't stack them smack against the walls. You want a little space left to get in and out. Put heavy boxes on the bottom when stacking. Have a good labeling system so you know what is inside boxes, too. — **Jennifer B., Pennsylvania**

SHOP AROUND: Compare prices and features of storage facilities to get the best deal. You might be offered discounts. Get written estimates and ask about deposits or any additional fees, so there aren't any surprises later. Know what methods of payment they accept, too. — **Beth Hunter, California**

USE SPACE WISELY: Fill boxes up all the way.You might be able to rent a smaller space. Plus, half-empty boxes could get crushed. Spaces like dresser drawers and suitcases are usable space. Boxes and totes that are about the same size take less space and stack easily. Furniture items, such as bed frames, futons and tables, take less space when taken apart. — **Cindy F., via e-mail**

USE COMMON SENSE: Avoid storing valuables. If the place isn't temperature- or humidity-controlled, then don't store anything that you wouldn't stick out in a garage in extreme temperatures. — **Gina, via forums**

To send tips, comments or questions, write to Sara Noel, c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10016, or e-mail sara@frugalvillage.com.

CALENDAR WATCH

Sunday

- Gyro and pastry sale, St. Spyridon Hellenic Center, Monessen, 11 a.m.
- Spaghetti dinner, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sutersville, noon to 5 p.m.
- Spaghetti dinner, Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Pancake and sausage breakfast (sponsored by Charleroi Knights of Columbus) Marian Hall of Mary Mother of the Church Parish, Charleroi, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Pancake and sausage breakfast, Gallatin-Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monday

- Catholic Women's College Club meeting, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.
- Baby Care class, Mon-Vale HealthPLEX, Rostraver Township, 6:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Altar Rosary/Christian Mothers, Monongahela, meeting, Father Abbate Hall, following Mass and rosaries.
- Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Rostraver Township, 10:30 a.m.
- New Beginnings Gastric Bypass Surgery Support Group meeting, Bentleyville Best Western, 7 p.m.
- February Fourthers 78th annual birthday celebration, Meloni's Restaurant, Uniontown, 6 to 9 p.m.
- TEAM Charleroi Promotions Committee meeting, chamber building, 8:30 a.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Tobacco Free Coalition to meet

The Monessen Tobacco Free Coalition will meet 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Monessen Public Library conference room.

Shipmates to meet in Carroll Township

The Mid Mon Valley Shipmates will meet Tuesday at the James C. Ford Post 949 American Legion, Carroll Township. Refreshments will be available at 6 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Pancake dinner set in Monessen

A Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1317 Grand Blvd., Monessen.

Mon Valley NAACP to meet Tuesday

The Mon Valley NAACP will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, Eastgate 8, Monessen, fourth floor boardroom A.

Fish fry set in Monongahela

Transfiguration Parish, Monongahela, will have a fish fry 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday. Fish sandwiches and dinners will be sold. For takeouts, call (724) 258-4623.

Fish dinners set at St. Michael

St. Michael Church, 101 McLay Drive, Elizabeth Township, will be serving fish dinners in Archangel Hall 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and each Friday of Lent, except Good Friday. The menu includes fried or baked fish, shrimp, soup, French fries, pierogi, haluski, macaroni and cheese, meatless pasta, pizza, cole slaw, applesauce, deserts and beverages. For takeouts, call (412) 751-0663.

Fish fry set at St. Joseph

St. Joseph Church, Good and Garfield streets, Roscoe, will have a fish fry 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and each Friday through Lent, including Good Friday. Fish, shrimp, crab cakes, onion rings, halushki, pierogies, macaroni and cheese, French fries, pizza and cole slaw will be available. For takeouts, call (724) 938-2660.

Band Parents change meeting

Monessen High School Band Parents has changed its February meeting date to 7 p.m. Feb. 13, due to Ash Wednesday on Feb. 6.

MARS planning luncheon meeting

The Mon Valley Association of Retired Steelworkers will have lunch 11:30 a.m. Wednesday with the meeting following.

California church selling pirohi

Holy Trinity Russian Church, 630 American St., California, will sell frozen pirohi, by the dozen, 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday. For information, call (724) 938-7216 the day of the sale.

Bentleyville Library trustees to meet

The Bentleyville Public Library board of trustees will meet 7 p.m. Wednesday in the library.

Lenten fish fry set at Epiphany

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Monessen, will hold its Lenten fish fry Wednesday and each Friday in Lent, except Good Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Epiphany Church Hall. The menu includes fish sandwiches/dinners, shrimp, crab cakes, pierogies and haluski. To place an order, call (724) 684-9199.

Fish dinner set in Perryopolis

St. John Altar Society of Perryopolis will have a fish dinner 3 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the social center. Potato pirohi will also be sold. Takeouts will be available.

Fish sandwiches will be sold noon to 6 p.m. each Friday during Lent, except Good Friday.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: F equals Q

"LYH NCKLY CI LYH XVHGHTL JSN SVH FKWLH ZCTGLVCKG. LYHN YSEH SOGCMKLHMN TC VHGXHDL ICV JNHJ YSWV." - CGDSV BWMJH

PREVIOUS SOLUTION — "A lot of my best parts I've been the second choice for, so you never get too egotistical about anything." - Michael Caine

IN THE SERVICE

Mayernik completes Navy basic training

Navy Seaman Noah D. Mayernik, son of Cynthia A. Alvey, of Monongahela, and Linus J. Mayernik, of Washington, Pa., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

He is a 2000 graduate of Monessen High School.

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ODDS & ENDS

Truck nearing millionth mile

MEDFORD, Wis. (AP) — Frank Oresnik is on the verge of making history driving his old standby — the pickup truck he says is about to pass the 1 million mile mark.

Oresnik took the 1991 Chevrolet Silverado to the Oil Ex-Change Quick Lube in Medford on Thursday for what he expects will be its last oil change and tuneup before hitting the magic number.

He said the truck is 1,200 miles from a million, and once he hits the mark he will retire the vehicle.

"I feel almost like the longtime NFL player as he goes into his last training camp knowing this is the end," Oresnik said.

He credits proper maintenance and a good measure of luck for allowing the truck to rack up so many miles. He said he's had more than 300 oil changes and tuneups at the Medford business, going in every 3,000 miles.

The truck has had four radiators, three gas tanks, five transmissions and six water pumps, but the engine has never been overhauled, Oresnik said.

He bought the Silverado in June 1996 after the original owner put 41,000 miles on it. Oresnik uses the vehicle to deliver seafood in three states, putting on about 85,000 miles a year.

MAKING THE GRADE

Local students on St. Vincent dean's list

The following area students were named to the fall 2007 semester dean's list at St. Vincent College in Latrobe:

Bentleyville – Sarah Coulson and MaryAnn Molesky.

Daisytown – Kayla Palyas.

Dawson – Charles Higbee and Katie Zebley.

Donora – Mario Fragello and Channah Zapotoczny.

Elizabeth – Bethany Carney, Robert Maley, Michael Medved, Christina Reed and Kathleen Turner.

Finleyville – Valerie Rogers.

Herminie – Kristina Hanna and Stanley Pricener.

Monongahela – Cody Brounce, Dana Musial and Daniel Ripepi.

Scenery Hill – Jessica Zigerelli.

Venetia – Matthew Dolcich, Kerstin Makowski and Sarah Peranteau.

West Newton – Samantha Doucette, Nathan Jara and Brandon Shutty.

Balogh named to PSU dean's list

Chris Balogh, of Rostraver Township, was named to the fall 2007 dean's list at Penn State University, Altoona campus. A freshman at Penn State, Balogh is the son of Rick and Rita Balogh, of Rostraver Township, and grandson of Frank and Lucille Biseda, of Monessen, and Grace Balogh, of Liberty Borough.

Damich on Duquesne fall dean's list

Brianna E. Damich, a sophomore in the McAnulty College of Liberal Arts, daughter of Lorraine and Lawrence Damich, of Belle Vernon, has been named to the fall 2007 dean's list at Duquesne University.

Galis named to Grove City list

Michael Galis was added to the fall 2007 dean's list at Grove City College.

A California Area High School 2007 graduate, Galis is the son of Jennie and Emil Galis, of Coal Center.

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RELIGION

Associated Press

Former President Jimmy Carter, left, and Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue pray during the opening session of the New Baptist Covenant earlier this week in Atlanta.

Baptists seek to overcome racial, theological divisions

Ex-President Jimmy Carter hopes moderate Baptist meeting will serve as model of unity.

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

ATLANTA — Led by former President Carter, thousands of moderate and liberal Baptists prayed and held hands across a massive exhibit hall earlier this week, trying to overcome racial and theological divisions and challenge conservative Southern Baptist dominance of their tradition.

The meeting, "Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant," included four major black denominations, Baptists from throughout North America and former members of the Southern Baptist Convention upset by its conservative views and ties to the religious right.

More than 10,000 participants were expected over three days.

In his opening address, Carter, a longtime Bible teacher at his Plains, Ga., church, called the gathering "the most momentous event in my religious life."

He repeatedly asked the audience to keep the event free of criticism of others.

"What is the prevailing image of Christians today?" Carter said. "It's the image of divisions among brothers and sisters of Christ as we struggle for authority or argue about the interpretation of individual verses in the Holy Scripture."

He called animosity among Christians from all traditions "a cancer metastasizing in the body of Christ."

The former president insisted the meeting was strictly religious, not political. It was less than one week from Tuesday, when 24 states will hold presidential primaries or caucuses.

Former Vice President Al Gore and former President Bill Clinton were among the major speakers.

On Wednesday, the first day of the gathering, Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke about their presidential candidacies at a separate meeting of the black Baptist groups..

The black Baptists ended their meeting early so they could join the Carter-led event, which critics have dismissed as little more than a Democratic rally.

The Rev. William Shaw, president of the National Baptist Convention USA Inc., the largest of the black denominations, said, "This time was set without any reference to the political calendar."

The meeting involved 30 Baptist groups that represent millions of people and span a range of theological and political beliefs. Many oppose abortion and same-sex marriage and ordain only men. However, they all heavily emphasize Scripture on social justice — a major focus of the gathering.

"What we do as Baptists in this movement is biblically centered," said the Rev. Jimmy Allen, an organizer of the event.

Allen served as the Southern Baptist president just before conservatives took control of the denomination, waging a bitter fight over biblical inerrancy that lasted through the 1970s and 1980s.

Carter severed ties in 2000 with the convention because of what he called its "increasingly rigid" beliefs.

He said Wednesday that he has been communicating with the current Southern Baptist president, the Rev. Frank Page, who has said that he "assured President Carter of my prayers" for the meeting despite some doubts about its purpose.

With 16.3 million members, the Southern Baptist Convention is not only the largest U.S. Baptist group, but also the largest Protestant denomination in the country.

Northern and Southern Baptists split in 1845, when Northerners said they wouldn't support missionaries who were slaveholders. Black Baptists generally formed their own denominations and had their own splits over civil rights strategies and other issues.

Several speakers Wednesday invoked the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. when describing why the meeting was so important.

Bill Underwood, president of Mercer University in Macon, a sponsor of the event, said, "I think we are taking a step today on the long and difficult journey to one day achieving Dr. King's Dream."

VALLEY CHURCH BRIEFS

Lord's Supper set in Daisytown

The Lord's Supper will be observed at the 11 a.m. Sunday service at Garwood Baptist Church, 637 Scenic Drive, Daisytown.

Roscoe church lists schedule

The Rev. Dr. John Rankin and Elder Richard Kara will lead the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service at the Roscoe Presbyterian Church.

The Faith Seekers Adult Sunday School class will meet 9:30 a.m. in the church manse.

Weekly Lenten supper programs will begin 6 to 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, in the church fellowship hall. Volunteer hosts are needed. Call Linda Mudry at (724) 938-2067.

Parish meeting planned in Donora

St. John Episcopal Church, Donora, will hold its annual parish meeting following the Sunday service. Breakfast will be held prior to the meeting.

The imposition of ashes will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday service planned

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will hold a special Ash Wednesday service 7:30 p.m. Feb. 6. The church is located one mile north of the Charleroi Area High School on the right, at 61 Walnut Ridge Road. For information, call (724) 489-9014.

Church to host free luncheon

The First Presbyterian Church, 501 Fayette Ave., Belle Vernon, will hold a free chicken and biscuit luncheon Sunday to celebrate the January and February birthdays of members and friends.

Everyone having birthdays during these months and those who would like to celebrate with them are welcome. The luncheon, complete with birthday cake, will be served immediately following the 10:45 a.m. worship Communion service. There will also be a bake sale sponsored by the HOA class.

A Bible study will be led by the Rev. Suzanne Currie in the parish house 7 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday. The HOA class and the Men's Association will meet 7 p.m. Thursday.

Church schedules Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed during the 11 a.m. Sunday worship at Marion Presbyterian Church, 207 Perry Ave., Belle Vernon. The deacons will be providing sweet treats.

The following meetings will be held Tuesday: 9 a.m., Planning Team meeting; noon, the Willing Workers class and 6:30 p.m. the Session meeting.

Lenten Bible study will begin 7 p.m. Feb. 11 using Gene Cunningham's book The Basics, A Categorical Bible study.

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Area Episcopal leaders oppose bolting church

By The Associated Press

A dozen rectors and priests in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh are opposed to a move by their bishop to bolt the national church for a more conservative alignment.

In a letter sent earlier this week to Bishop Robert Duncan, the church leaders outlined their opposition to removing the diocese 66 churches from the national Episcopal Church.

The disputes are over the national church's support for ordaining gay clergy and same-sex marriages.

The rectors and priests who signed the letter say they do not support these moves, but do not want to realign outside the church.

In November, the Pittsburgh diocese overwhelmingly voted to leave the church, making the future of parish properties, pensions and missions uncertain.

A second vote this year would make the move final.

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An Evil Report

O. M. Maide 1/27/2008

In the great faith chapter of the letter to the Hebrews, we are told, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." It continues, "Those who come to God must believe that He is who He says He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Scripture never presents God in a middle of the road posture. He does not accept lukewarm faith. Therefore, if your faith is not total and complete in whom He is; and if it is not firm in the conviction that He rewards those who trust Him and diligently seek Him, you cause Him to anger. His chosen people angered God for not having faith in Him, and He cast them to wander in the desert for forty years. They did not believe that God could or would defeat the giants of the land of Canaan. In Book of Numbers we read, "And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, 'The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that *devours* the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight'." His chosen, those that had seen miracle after miracle in their march from Egypt to the Promised Land, abandoned God, looked only to themselves, and completely discarded the promise of God that He would give them the land. God's statement to Moses concerning this abandonment is recorded in question form, "How long will this people provoke me? How long will it be before they believe me?"

How firm and complete is your faith? Is God the transcendent creator of the universe? Have you read the scriptures, do you know His promises, do you apply them to every circumstance of your life? The answer to all of the above must be yes and yes and yes again. We must know that He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the One who spoke the universe into existence by His Word. The God that so loved the world, that He gave us His only Son, Jesus the Christ, that we may spend eternity with Him.

To truly be His child and walk with Jesus, you must take everything to Him. Paul tells us that we should boldly take all our needs to His throne of grace and walk away trusting that He will provide all that is to our greatest glory in Christ. Jesus spoke boldly to His disciples telling them to have faith in God for if they have absolute faith and totally believe that they will receive that for which they pray, they will receive their request. His word recorded in the Gospel of Mark, "And Jesus answering saith unto them, 'Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them'."

To be blessed by God, that is to live in His care, His favor and His prosperity, we need the faith of God that comes only by Christ dwelling in us. Let us truly walk with Christ and let the Great Rewarder bless us and our families and fill our souls with His joy.

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I AM NOT.
YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO SAYS YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE!!
I AM NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO SAYS I'M NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE!
YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO SAYS YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO SAYS YOU'RE NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE!
AM NOT, NOT, NOT!!
EVERYTHING OK?
SHE'S ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE.
IS THERE NO UNIQUE TURF LEFT?...

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

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OR THREE, OR FOUR, OR FIVE, OR SIX, OR SEVEN, OR EIGHT...
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JUST GET ON WITH IT, OKAY?!
JIM DAVIS 2-2

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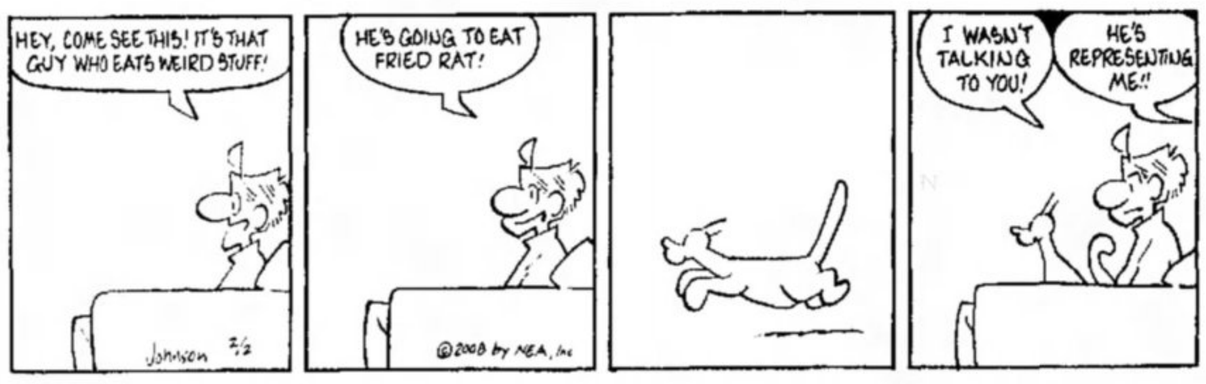
HEY, COME SEE THIS! IT'S THAT GUY WHO EATS WEIRD STUFF!
HE'S GOING TO EAT FRIED RAT!
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I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU!
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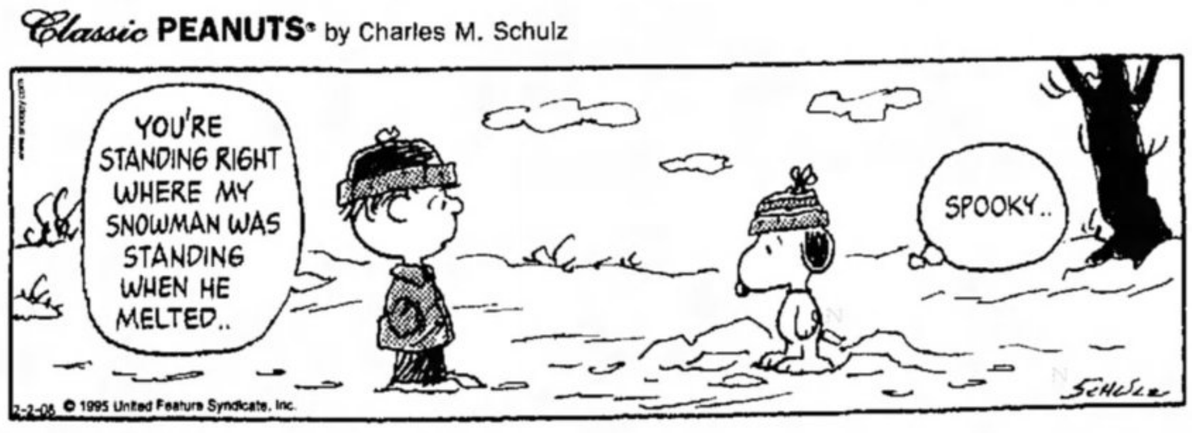

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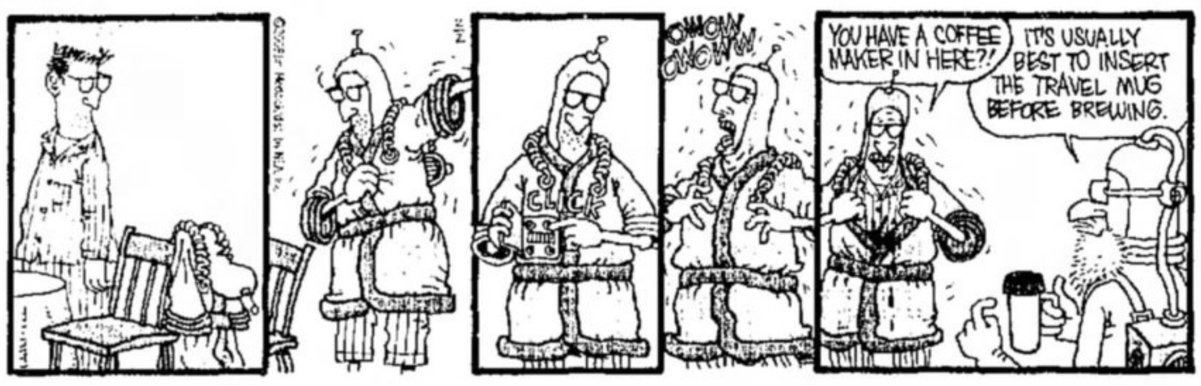

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WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT PLANTING SOME MORE BUSHES OUT FRONT?
UM... UM...
YARD
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WOULD YOU RATHER I DIDN'T TALK TO YOU DURING THE GAME?
GREG+ MORT WALKER

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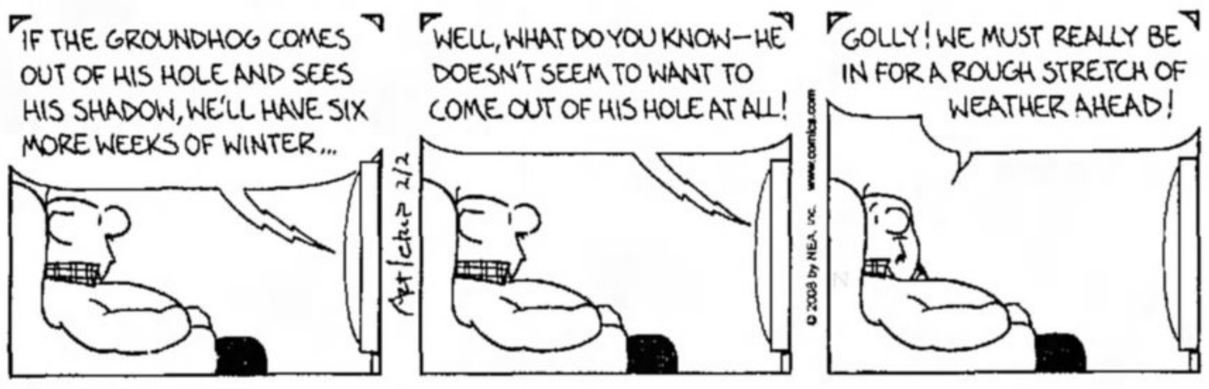
IF THE GROUNDHOG COMES OUT OF HIS HOLE AND SEES HIS SHADOW, WE'LL HAVE SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER...
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW—HE DOESN'T SEEM TO WANT TO COME OUT OF HIS HOLE AT ALL!
GOLLY! WE MUST REALLY BE IN FOR A ROUGH STRETCH OF WEATHER AHEAD!

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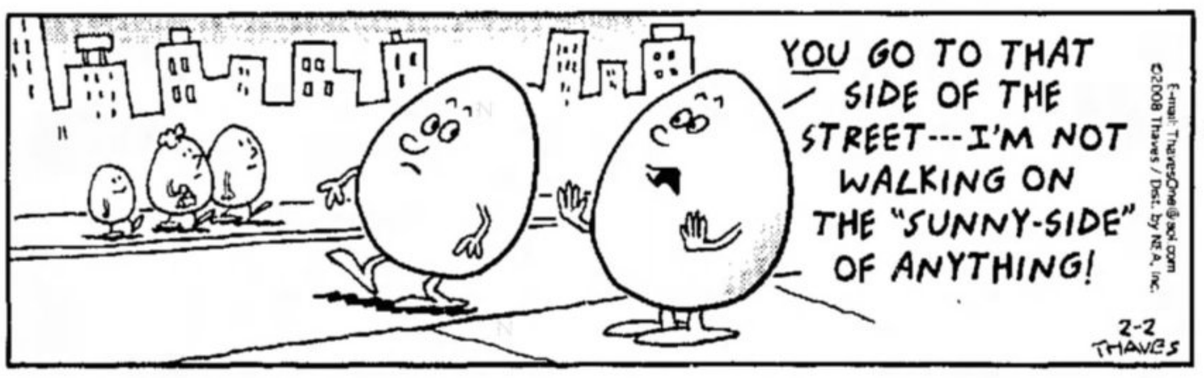

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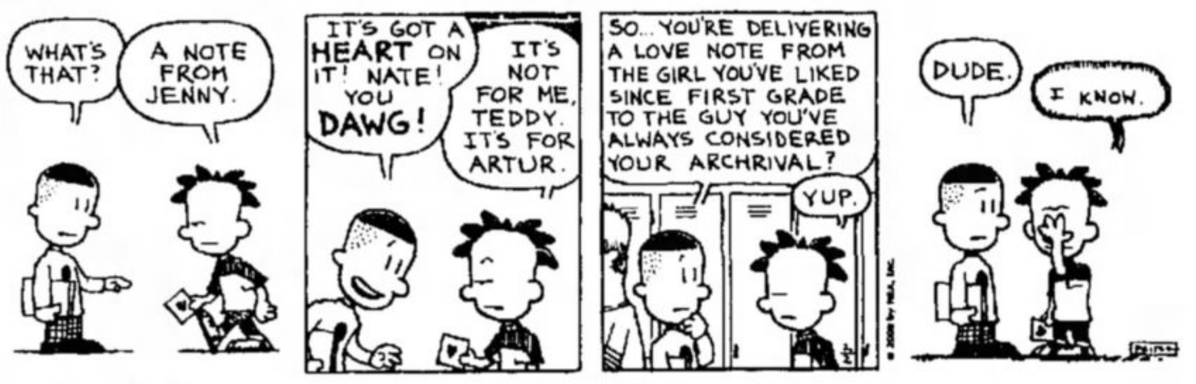
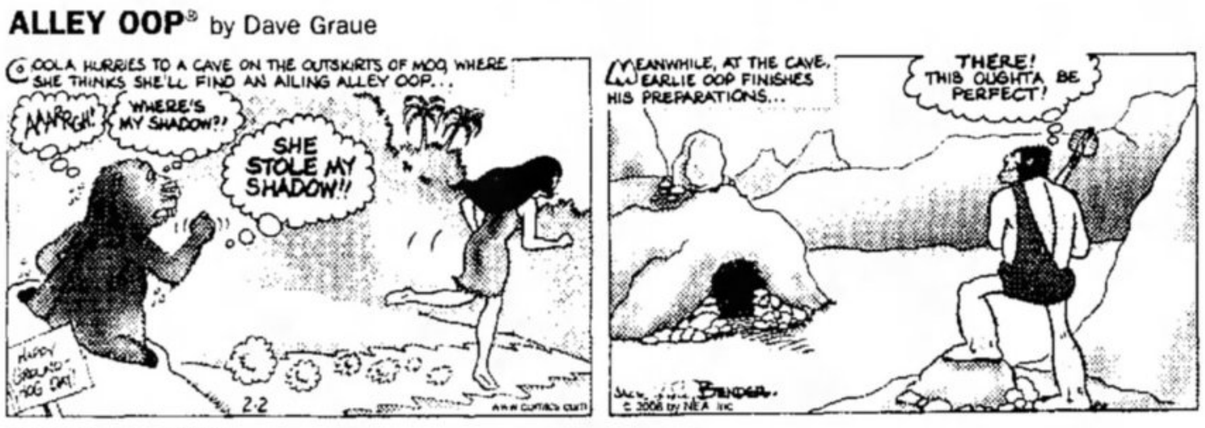

WHAT'S THAT?
A NOTE FROM JENNY.
IT'S GOT A HEART ON IT! NATE! YOU DAWG!
IT'S NOT FOR ME, TEDDY. IT'S FOR ARTUR.
SO... YOU'RE DELIVERING A LOVE NOTE FROM THE GIRL YOU'VE LIKED SINCE FIRST GRADE TO THE GUY YOU'VE ALWAYS CONSIDERED YOUR ARCHRIVAL?
YUP.
DUDE.
I KNOW.

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue


OOLA HURRIES TO A CAVE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF MOO, WHERE SHE THINKS SHE'LL FIND AN AILING ALLEY OOP...
AARRGH!
WHERE'S MY SHADOW?!
SHE STOLE MY SHADOW!!
MEANWHILE, AT THE CAVE, EARLIE OOP FINISHES HIS PREPARATIONS...
THERE! THIS OUGHTA BE PERFECT!
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MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

AFTER FORCING MARK AND ANDY INTO THE WATER, THE PLANE LANDS NEARBY
TRAIL'S AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE..SEE IF HE'S UNDER HIS CANOE!
JACK ELROD 2-2

THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Famous Khan
4 Implored
8 Nearly all
12 Sugarcane product
13 Costa —
14 Rubaiyat author
15 Makeshift desk
17 Light in appearance
18 Scrounge
19 Con
20 Female rabbit
21 Bullfight yell
22 Bronco-riding event
25 Greedily
28 It has long arms
29 Garden green
31 Alley from Moo
33 Chatter
34 — fide
36 Casual farewell
37 Sports division
40 Hang down
42 Big tub
43 Old card game
44 Be a doctor
46 Of cities
49 Sci-fi good guy
50 Sweet rolls
53 Aloud
54 Ladd of films
55 Unrefined metal
56 Many turkeys
57 Freighter hazard
58 Ouch!

DOWN

1 Louvre display
2 Largest of the Marianas
3 Pulpit
4 Make in advance
5 Graceful
6 Kind of system
7 Skip stones
8 Sighed loudly
9 Neglect
10 Hindu attire
11 Hear a case
16 Mineral deposit
19 Ms. MacGraw of films
21 Pie baker
22 Moonbeam
23 Translucent gem
24 Hockey feint
25 — vera
26 Gray wolf
27 Goofball (hyph.)
30 Meet edge to edge
32 Energy
35 Admiring very much
38 Is of benefit
39 Cowpoke's sweetie
41 Cracks a safe
43 Of the moon
44 The good guy
45 Wax-coated cheese
47 Nautical greeting
48 Caligula's nephew
49 Scribble
50 Pat on
51 Brewery product
52 Apply a patch

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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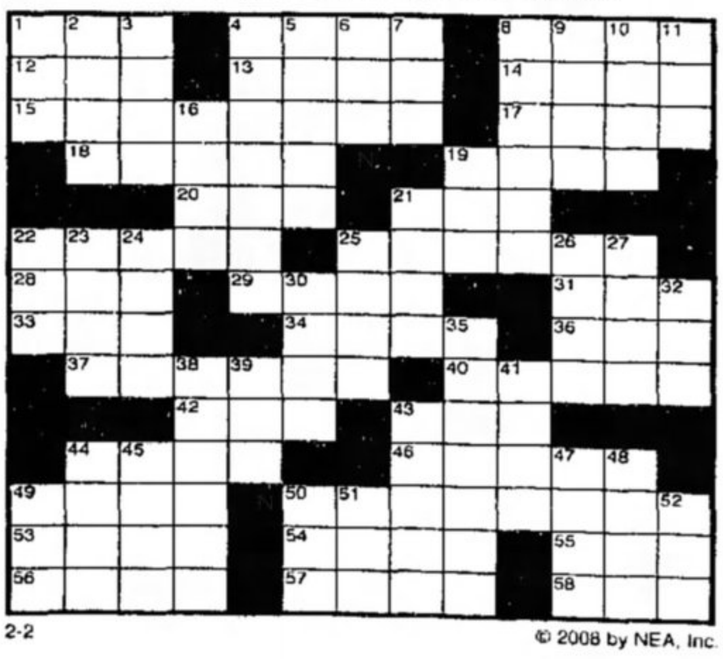

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NEWS

Kenyan rivals to end violence

Former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan is serving as a mediator in the political dispute.

By The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya – Kenya's rival sides said Friday they had agreed to take action to end monthlong violence from a disputed presidential election, but the death toll mounted when police fired on mobs setting homes and businesses ablaze in the west of the country.

Kofi Annan, the former U.N. secretary-general who is mediating, said the sides had agreed to tackle within a week the most pressing issues — including resolving the immediate political crisis. Both sides called for illegal militias to be disbanded and for the investigation of all crimes connected to the violence, including alleged excessive force by police.

"The first (step) is to take immediate action to stop the violence and restore fundamental liberties," Annan said.

A document signed by both sides said an agreement might require "adjustments" to the constitution – suggesting a power-sharing arrangement that would give opposition leader Raila Odinga a new position of prime minister. The two sides had come under international pressure to reach such a deal.

Police in western Kenya fired on armed mobs who set homes and businesses on fire. At least 14 people died in the latest clashes, sparked by a police officer killing an opposition legislator Thursday.

In neighboring Ethiopia, Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki told leaders at an African summit that "the security situation in the country is under control."

Annan said he had suggested to Kibaki on Tuesday that "a preventative deployment of the military may be necessary."

He added that, "Everyone would have to admit that the police are a bit over-stretched."

British Foreign Office Minister Mark Malloch Brown, also at the African summit, agreed about deploying Kenya's army, saying police "at this stage seem to be seen as no longer neutral and behind some of the killings."

Thursday's shooting of legislator David Kimutai Too added to the distrust of police, and police stations were targeted in three western towns.

Jeff Pikulsky/The Valley Independent

Members of the Belle Vernon Rotary Club gather outside St. Sebastian School in North Belle Vernon - the site of the organization's 46th annual pancake festival, which will be conducted Tuesday from noon to 7 p.m. From left are Dr. James Scirotto, club president; John Hable, chairman, and Same Ccver, co-chairman.

DIRECTOR'S LIST

Mon Valley Career and Technology Center

The following students were named to the director's list for the second quarter at Mon Valley Career and Technology Center

Auto body

Grade 12 – Angela Koscheck.
Grade 11 – Daniel Diaz.
Grade 10 – Chris Edwards and Jason Merashoff.

Auto mechanics

Grade 11 – Cheriee Donn Henderson, Caleb Rossi and Eric Sassak.
Grade 10 – Tanner Brice, Michael Pro, Patrick Prunty and Corey Stump.

Carpentry

Grade 12 – John Bercosky, Corey Demchak and Dylan Connelly.
Grade 10 – Donald Kiefer, Thomas Kokoska, Brett Lepresti, Cody Spadaro and Joseph Vingas.

Computer maintenance

Grade 11 – Shawn Becquet, Nathan Bryan and Donald Chettle.
Grade 10 – Sean Rhone.

Computer programming

Grade 12 – Dorian King.
Grade 11 – Matthew Kraeer.
Grade 10 – William Cody Dodds, Marcus Niederriter and Justin Pordash.

Cosmetology

Grade 11 – Crystal Knopsnider.
Grade 10 – Kari Laski and Amanda Toia.

Culinary arts

Grade 12 – Sheli Barnes and Stanley Sebetich.
Grade 11 – Leslie Cole, Christa Crea, Joy Eland and Theo Miner.
Grade 10 – Ashley McRoberts.

Electrical occupation

Grade 11 – Zachary Kordistos.

Health occupation

Grade 10 – Kayla Kokklia.

Masonry

Grade 12 – Tim Hewitt and Scott Hilverding.
Grade 10 – Joshua Bradshaw, Jacob Lee and Brandon Sollosi.

Multimedia design

Grade 10 – Amy Stuart and Kelsey Summerfield.

Protective services

Grade 12 – Rob Dennis.
Grade 11 – Nick Forlini.
Grade 10 – Alina George, Josh Rozik and Nick Varga.

Co-op

Andrew Hermann, Michael Luketich.

Poland makes missile defense deal

The United States likely will provide help with Polish air defense concerns.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Poland's foreign minister said Friday his country has reached an agreement in principle with the United States on plans to install a U.S. missile defense system in Polish territory.

Radek Sikorski said that after his meetings with officials here, he is satisfied that, as part of the eventual deal, the United States will deal with security problems that Poland has raised.

Sikorski did not outline the terms of the deal, but in a joint appearance with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice after a working lunch, the two officials suggested that the U.S. would help with Polish air defenses, as Poland had sought.

Sikorski said that negotiators would continue to work on the details of an agreement that would allow the U.S. to install 10 interceptors as part of a long-range European missile defense system. He sought to address likely Russian concern about the U.S. air defense aid.

"The reinforced Polish air defenses are not directed against anybody," Sikorski said. "They are to enable Poland to be a stronger NATO ally with the United States, to enable Poland to take part in operations, in out-of-area operations, in joint operations."

MAKING THE GRADE

Area students on Gannon list

The following area students made the dean's list at Gannon University, Erie, for the fall 2007 semester:

Coal Center – Thomas Russell
Donora – Christopher Fonner, Kristyn Massafra
Eighty Four – Julie Douglas, Rebecca Eberly Maggie Lewis, Molly Lewis
Finleyville – Devan Fragello
Monessen – Christopher Manderino
Monongahela – Miles McFall, Justin Furiga
Vestaburg – Ryan Stotka

Nuccetelli named to PSU dean's list

Kayla Nuccetelli was named to the fall 2007 dean's list at Penn State University, Fayette campus, earning a 4.0 grade point average. She is a finance major and a 2007 graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School. She is the daughter of Nick and Lori Nuccetelli, of Rostraver Township.

Quattrone named to Duquesne list

Brittany M. Quattrone, a junior in the School of Nursing, daughter of Philip Quattrone, of Monongahela, and Joyce Quattrone, of Eighty Four, has been named to the fall 2007 dean's list at Duquesne University.

Local students on Westminster list

The following area students were named to the dean's list at Westminster College in New Wilmington for the fall 2007 semester:

Bentleyville – Jill Campbell.
Dawson – Sara Zebley.
Eighty Four – Cody Hannum.
Elizabeth – Kristen Pungitore.
Finleyville – Stephanie McLaughlin.
Venetia – Leigha Krivacek.
West Newton – Mallory Lichwa and Olivia Sweeney.

Seton Hill lists local graduates

Ann Davis, of Charleroi, and Randi Baldwin, Holly Hope and Jennifer Martin, of West Newton, received graduate degrees during Seton Hill University's Dec. 17, 2007, and Jan. 9, 2008, commencements exercises.

Wardle named to Duquesne list

Emily S. Wardle, a sophomore in the Mary Pappert School of Music, daughter of Ralph and Rosemary Wardle, of Belle Vernon, has been named to the fall 2007 dean's list at Duquesne University.

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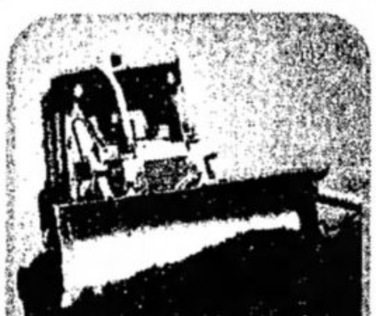

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1000/GENERAL

CALIFORNIA MOTOR ROUTE DRIVER
- 68 Papers Mon -Sat
- California/Malden Area
- Approx. $850/month
- 2½ hrs. daily

CALL 724-684-2648

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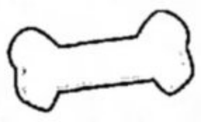

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1000/GENERAL

ARMANDO'S PIZZA energetic type wanted for fast paced shop. Apply in person 538 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi

CIRCULATION ASSISTANTS
Opportunities to Join a Winning Team!

The Tribune-Review Publishing Company has open positions for Part-time Circulation Assistants.
Currently an exciting opportunity exists for the right individual. A chance to earn, learn and advance.
- Steady Part-time, approx. 30 hrs./wk.
- Early morning hours
- Delivery & customer service skills necessary
- Work Independently
- Competitive wage & auto allowance

If interested, call Ken Planinsek at 724-850-2826
TRIB TOTAL MEDIA

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"TIME IS MONEY"

You can make money even if you're short on free time.

You can work 1 day or 7 days a week depending on how much free time you have.

You can work weekdays or weekends or both.

You can work regularly scheduled hours or as a substitute.

The more time you have available, the more money you can make.

Provide in-home personal care to individuals within your community or surrounding areas.

Caring, responsible and dependable individuals can earn $8.50 to $11.00 an hour, depending on position and availability. Benefit packages for new, part-time and full-time employees. Formal and informal experience preferred. Valid driver's license, reliable transportation and proof of current motor vehicle insurance required.

Serious Inquiries Only
Please call 1-877-417-9050 Mon. - Fri. only. E.O.E.

1000/GENERAL

General Labor

Do you enjoy being out on the road?

Levin Furniture has immediate openings for **Delivery (Helper) Associates** at our Smithton warehouse. Will deliver/set up mdse in our customers' homes, weighing 100+ lbs.
Excellent CS skills & clean driving record. Current DL & ability to pass MVR, drug screen & b/g check. Excellent benefits package. Schedule is Tues-Sat, 6am until completion of deliveries.

APPLY TODAY!
LEVIN FURNITURE
301 Fitz Henry Road
Smithton, PA 15479
*Email: jobs@levinfurniture.com
EOE m/v/f/d

1040/MEDICAL

Medical Transcriptionist
Full-Time

Monongahela Valley Hospital has immediate openings for experienced Medical Transcriptions in our Medical Records Department. Ideal candidate will have at least one year medical transcription experience.

We offer an excellent salary complemented with an excellent **employer-paid** benefits package, including on-site day care and free parking.

You can apply for this opportunity by submitting a resume in confident to:

Personnel Director
Monongahela Valley Hospital, Inc.
1163 Country Club Road
Monongahela PA 15063
fax: 724.258.1830
email: dplasman@monvalleyhospital.com

EOE

MVH Monongahela Valley Hospital

Apply online at:
www.monvalleyhospital.com

1040/MEDICAL

Bentleyville Openings

MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIANS/FULL TIME
Bachelor level worker to assist residents with activities of daily living. 40 hr pwk.
Full Benefits.

SOCIAL SERVICE AIDE 1/PART TIME
Aides needed to assist consumers with personal activities at Enhanced Personal Care Home.

RN or LPN/Part Time/PART TIME
Needed for residential program in Bentleyville.

Resumes with references and letter of interest should be sent to:

Mental Health Association
15 South College Street
Washington, PA 15301

FAX: 724-225-4770
Email: mhawashco@verizon.net
E.O.E.

4100/PERSONALS

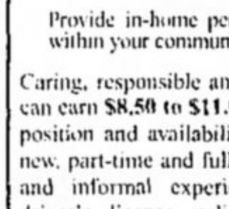
ASTRO GRAPH

Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday **AQUARIUS**

SUNDAY, FEB. 3, 2008

January 20 through February 18



Whenever you feel the need for the cavalry to rescue you in the year ahead, all it will take is a few toots on the bugle to get those who can help running to your aid, with one exception -- if you are deliberately reckless.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Keep your own counsel, especially if you are contemplating involvement in an ambitious undertaking few would consider doing. There's a chance others will try to talk you out of it because of their fears.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Your choices will reckon that loyal, longtime relationships are much too important to be ignored or overlooked. It isn't likely you'll forget to include them in a social get-together.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- This may be a day of rest for some, but you aren't apt to be satisfied unless you get something of substance accomplished. The fulfillment of a personal goal will be just what you're looking for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You will be placed in the position of teaching a young one a valuable lesson he or she will always remember. It will have something to do with what is good in life, not what is bad.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- If you keep your focus on the types of end results you would like to achieve, it will help you immensely to overcome any obstacles. Stay the course when things heat up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Someone whose cooperation you need can be swayed to your position if you emphasize the realities of the situation instead of focusing on wishful thinking. Stick to the facts and ignore yearnings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- It behooves you to do something productive, especially if it can make or save you money. Look around to see what needs to be repaired or whether you can create something that would add luster to your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Your leadership qualities will be much in evidence when you step to the front and take charge of a social activity that your friends are having a hard time dealing with. You will make things easy to follow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Something in which you are presently involved has more potential than appears on the surface. If things look to be of a limited nature, make sure that you're not misinterpreting small gains as losses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Should you perceive that you're better informed about something than are your peers, don't hesitate to speak up and point to the undetected personal advantages involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- When it comes to financial dealings, listen to advice being offered by associates. But make certain that you give credence to your own evaluations so that you don't make a judgment call that goes against your best interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Positive thinking is a strong asset that can tip situations in your favor. When you truly believe that you're capable of doing something and doing it well, you are not apt to be disappointed.

4100/PERSONALS

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1000/GENERAL

BEACON SUPPLY full-time showroom sales. Send resume to P.O. Box 186, Belle Vernon, PA 15012

CERAMIC PIPE LINER
Previous pipe lining experience with ceramic, refractory or aluminum material. Daylight/ afternoon availability, starting at $11/hr.
1-800-485-6502 M-F
9am-4pm EOE/MF

DOWN ROUTE DRIVER
Part-time position, approximately 25 hrs./ week. Assist district managers with the delivery of newspapers to subscribers on routes that temporarily have no carrier. Must possess valid PA driver's license and reliable vehicle. Hourly rate plus mileage. Applications available at The Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062 or email your resume to thutchison@tribweb.com

COOKS & DRIVERS- Campy's Pizza, Rt 88, Charleroi. Please apply in person.

CLEANING- daylight Mon.-Fri. Full & part-time positions. Must have vehicle & driver's license. Serious Inquiries only, call Krystal Klean 724-483-2171

COMFORT KEEPERS is seeking caring individuals to provide Personal Care, Home-Making and Transportation Services for Seniors. 1-800-981-2717

ELECTRICAL-MECHANICAL Service Tech with electric control experience. Must have valid drivers license. Some overnight travel required. Excellent pay & benefits. Send resume to Box 893, c/o Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062

FINISH TRIM Carpenter, full-time. Will train. Some carpentry experience necessary. Call 724-872-5930

FITTER/WELDER
Mon Valley location looking for experienced fitter with ability to read prints, layout, fit and tac weld. Ability to perform mig & fluxcore on stainless & carbon steel. $12-$13/hr.
1-800-485-6502 M-F
9am-4pm EOE/MF

HAIRSTYLIST
Great opportunity. Full-time or part-time. Guaranteed salary plus incentives. Paid vacation & holidays. Benefits. FREE continuing education.
Fantastic Sams
Belle Vernon
412-302 8661 or 724-929-9550

HALL MONITOR POSITION
Ringgold High School- send letter of interest, resume, 151, 34, and FBI clearances to Mr. Gary J. Hamilton, Superintendent, 400 Main Street, New Eagle, PA 15067. Deadline Friday, February 8, 2008. E.O.E.

LIKE A CHALLENGE? Join Our Team! Immediate opening for Special Education Teacher in a day treatment program. New, retired, experienced welcome. Full or part-time, salary/benefit options available. Fax resume to: Karry at Agape, Inc 724-684-5802

LOADER OPERATOR
Full-time position in the Clairton area. Experience in heavy equipment operation needed. Must be willing to do other industrial plant duties. Excellent fringe benefits. Background check and drug test required. FAX resume to 412-233-4421 or leave phone message at 412-233-0626

1000/GENERAL

LOADER OPERATOR/ LABORER
Production facility looking for laborer with loader experience operating a L90 Volvo. Must be opened to daylight and afternoon shifts. Mon Valley location.
1-800-485-6502 M-F
9am-4pm EOE/MF

MANAGER
Needed for hair salon. Full-time. Send letter of interest and/or resume in confidence to Box 892, c/o Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062

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MECHANIC/ LOADER OPERATOR
Full-time position in the Clairton area. Experience in heavy equipment (loaders) repair/ maintenance/operation needed. Must be willing to do other industrial plant duties. Excellent fringe benefits. Background check and drug test required. FAX resume to: 412-233-4421 or leave phone message at 412-233-0626

Metal Building Erectors
GENERAL INDUSTRIES
NOW HIRING
Ironworkers w/Metal Building and Sheeting experience. Fulltime with excellent benefit package. Transportation and valid Driver's License required. Call to complete application 724-483-1600 or fax resume to 724-483-0990. Email genindempads@yahoo.com

NEWSPAPER INSERTERS
- Saturday mornings only
- Shift starts at 12 midnight thru 4am
- $7.15 per hour + shift differential + quarterly bonus
- This job entails placing pre-made inserts packages into the paper
- Involves bending, stooping, lifting & standing for extended periods of time
- Pre-employment screening

Applications available at: The Valley Independent, Eastgate 19, Monessen, PA 15062

NHS HUMAN SERVICES

NHS is looking for caring individuals in Aging or physical disabilities waiver program as Direct Care Providers. Responsibilities include the possible transport of consumers, provide basic housekeeping including but not limited to laundry, meal preparation and clean up. The successful candidate will also assist in routine tasks such as toileting, bathing, dressing, etc.

PRN position with the opportunity to apply for full and part time positions.

Applicants must be 18 years of age with a valid driver's license and High School Diploma or GED. Must complete a physcial and TB test along with criminal clearances. Those interested should submit application to Lori Harvey @ NHS of PA, 6 Oliver Road Suite 121, Uniontown, PA 15401 or 1075 Waterdam Plaza Drive, McMurray, PA 15317 or e-mail request for interview to lharvey@nhsonline.org. NHS Human Services is an equal opportunity employer.

1025/DRIVERS

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Competitive Wage & Benefit Package
Also Needed
CLASS C LABORERS
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LIFT VAN DRIVERS & Taxi Drivers. Must have clean drivers license. Apply at Tri County Access, 1001 Meldon Ave., Donora.

1040/MEDICAL

Highlands Hospital

Manager Respiratory Therapy
Respiratory care practitioner with experience in both clinical & administrative functions. Will manage cardiopulmonary department, oversee operation of newly opened Sleep Lab, and provide respiratory therapy services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Assistant Director Rehab
Licensed PT to assist Director with coordination of rehab services (including speech and OT) and on-site fitness center. Will also provide clinical PT services to both inpatients and outpatients.

Clinical Dietician
RD or registry eligible, to work with inpatients and outpatients, and teach nutrition at local schools.

RNs - ICU, ER, Cardiac Rehab
Requires critical care training, related experience preferred.

Mental Health-RN,LPN Activity Therapist
For inpatient care setting. Related experience or a sincere interest in developing mental health nursing skills required.

Nurse Practitioner
CRNP with mental health and/or research experience. Must be independent worker and detail oriented.

Respiratory Care Practitioner
Registered or certified respiratory care practitioner.

Aerobics Instructor
Certified aerobics instructor. Will teach 4th through 12th grade students during school hours, hours and schedule will vary.

Unit Clerk
Casual Position. Certification or experience required.

Full-time and part-time positions include full benefit package. Casual and "Weekender" positions also available. Free on-site parking. On-site fitness center! Easy location just off Rt. 119S between Greensburg & Uniontown. Send resume or call for application.

Human Resources Dept.
Highlands Hospital
401 E. Murphy Ave.
Connellsville, PA 15425
724-626-2314 E.O.E.

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1000/GENERAL

NOTICE TO READERS:
While work-at-home and other informational advertising is often legitimate, we advise readers to fully investigate the background of any company before paying a fee. If an offer sounds "too good to be true", it probably is. Proceed with caution if you are asked to send money or in calling 900 numbers. All phone numbers prefixed by "900" are charged to the caller on a per minute or per call basis. The Valley Independent makes every effort to qualify these charges for the reader. Remember, if you have any doubts, investigate!

PART-TIME Position for a Cricket cellphone retailer. All shifts, incl. evenings til 7 & weekends. Sales/computer experience helpful. Apply in person at Dee's Cricket, near Beer Arena in Belle Vernon.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT to provide a caring, family-like environment in the Belle Vernon area. Responsible for assisting with the day-to-day operations of a group home. Benefits available. Call to schedule interview 724-929-8137. EOE.

SECURITY GUARD
Immediate Opening
For Part-Time
Security Guard
MON VALLEY CARE CENTER
200 Stoops Drive
Monongahela, PA 15063
Please Call To Apply
724-310-1111

TEACHER AIDES
Full-time positions in Fayette, Greene and Washington Counties. $11.25 per hour, no benefits. Associate's Degree or successful completion of 48 college credits is preferred. Send cover letter, resume, transcripts, Child Abuse and State and Federal Clearances to: Intermediate Unit 1, One Intermediate Unit Drive, Coal Center, PA 15423. Deadline 2-13-08. EOE.

1015/AUTOMOTIVE

TITLE CLERK
Part-Time
Please Apply in Person At
Gerry Raymond
Chrysler Jeep Dodge Subaru
Rt. 51, Belle Vernon
724-379-7300

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www.tribtotalprinting.com
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1040/MEDICAL

MEDICAL ASSISTANT, RN or LPN, part-time, for doctor's office in Charleroi, front & back duties. Fax resume to: 724-483-3870 or email: mdcharleroi@gmail.com

Nursing
RNs (3-11pm) & LPNs (11am-7pm)

There's never been a better time to join Eldercrest Nursing Center or Havencrest Nursing Center. Come be a part of our nursing team! We can offer a competitive pay rate and exceptional benefits! PRN opportunities available EOE.

Walk-ins Welcome at Eldercrest Nursing Center, 2600 West Run Rd., Munhall, PA 15120 or Havencrest Nursing Center, 1277 Country Club Rd., Monongahela, PA 15063.

Interested Candidates Contact:
Kurt Conrath
1-800-395-5000 ext. 8759
Fax: 414-292-4314
kconrath@extendicare.com
www.extendicare.com

PR & FRONT DESK PERSON. Exp. preferred. Must be inclined toward natural health care. Send resume to: Complete Health 4313 Rt. 51, Belle Vernon, PA 15012.

RN's/LPN's Stressed Out?

Work for a company that offers one on one home care with the added comfort of working close to your home...Nurses needed to care for 6 yr. old w/g-tube in Belle Vernon. Wednesdays 7am-6pm.
Call Krisha Now!
1-800-447-2030
EOE M/F/V/H

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1040/MEDICAL

NURSE'S AIDE- 3-11 shift only. $7.25/hr. Apply in person: Country Care Manor, Fayette City 724-326-4909.

1050/SALES

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Full or Part Time
Flexible Hours
Excellent Income Potential

We are lobking for aggressive, results-oriented salespeople to join our team to market Home Delivery of
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Crew leader, storefront and door-to-door positions are available.
Please call 412-610-6378
9am-5:30pm Monday
8am-3pm Tues. & Wed.
8am-12 Thursday
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1120/SITUATIONS

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2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Coatsworth, Virgil L.
ADMINISTRATOR NOTICE

Letters of Administration on the estate of VIRGIL L. COATSWORTH, Court Term No. 63-08-00072, late of Roscoe, Washington County, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned by the Register of Wills of Washington County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated for settlement.

JAMES W. HAINES, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1202 WEST MAIN ST.
MONONGAHELA, PA 15063

Virginia Stringer,
Co-Administratrix
P.O. Box 537
Roscoe, PA 15477

Diane M. Bonde,
Co-Administratrix
602 Green Street
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
1/26,2/2,9

2010/ESTATE NOTICES

Cicco, Rose F.
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of testamentary on the estate of ROSE CICCO, aka ROSE F. CICCO, late of Belle Vernon, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

John P. Cicco, Jr.,
Executor
407 Main Street
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Timothy M. Maatta,
Attorney
513 Schoonmaker Ave.
Monessen, PA 15062
2/2,9,16

2020/BID NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for the furnishing, delivering of "MEDICAL SUPPLIES" for the Washington County Health Center and Correctional Facility, Washington, PA 15301 will be received at the Office of the County Controller, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 403, Courthouse Square Office Building, Washington, Pennsylvania 15301, until 11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, and immediately thereafter will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Office, Suite 402 of the Washington County Courthouse Square Building. (Late bids are not accepted).

All bids must be submitted as 1 ORIGINAL + 2 COPIES according to the specifications and upon a uniform proposal blank. Specifications and proposal blanks may be picked up at the Washington County Purchasing Office, 100 West Beau Street, Suite 402, Washington, PA 15301 or by submitting a written request to this address. Bidders may fax their written request to the Washington County Purchasing Office at 724-250-6555.

You may obtain the above-mentioned bid proposal from the Washington County Web Site at www.co.washington.pa.us. Vendors receiving bids from the web site are responsible for checking for contract changes at the web site.

Bid Securities are Not required.

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED:

BID: MEDICAL SUPPLIES
CONTRACT NO.: 022008-1MS

The Washington County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bid proposals.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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ATTEST:

MARY HELICKE
CHIEF CLERK
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OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
1:00-5:00 P.M.

The Pennswood C

- **2 Story (reverse plan)**
- **2208 Sq. Ft.**
- **4 Bedrooms**
- **2 1/2 Baths**
- **2nd Floor Laundry**
- **2 Car Attached Garage**

Directions: From Connellsville, go up New Haven hill to Divito Park Skating Rink, directly across from the entrance, turn right onto Leisenring-Vanderbilt Road. Go 1/10 mile to Church Road. Go another 1/10 mile to Store Street, the turn right onto Highlands Street, to the 4th house on the left

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UNIONTOWN, PA
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Call Mary Shubert
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ROSTRAVER
5118 Cedar Hills Blvd. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo in Cedar Hills, was builder's model. Many upgrades. Close to 51, 70, shopping & golf course. $179,900. Dir: 51S to 2nd road past 170 (Ridge Rd.), turn R on Ridge Rd. to Cedar Hills, condo on main road on left. Linda Lunt.

Howard Hanna
Simon Real Estate Services
(724) 929-2970

3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

MONONGAHELA- 2 bed brick ranch, huge private yard, new roof, a/c. Large clean basement. $84,900. Tracy Byczynski/PPR. 724-986-7086

IF WE DON'T HAVE IT, YOU DON'T NEED IT. CLASSIFIEDS

3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

CALL FOR DETAILS
N. CHARLEROI Well maintained 2 bedroom Cape Cod with plenty of storage. Bright & cheery. Must see. Asking $62,700.
MONONGAHELA Great starter or rental. Cute & cozy 3 bedroom, 2 story on bus line. Asking $52,921.
MONONGAHELA Call for appointment to see this 3 bedroom brick ranch with enclosed sun porch. Move in condition. Near Y. $159,921.

Century 21
FRONTIER REALTY
724-348-7470

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3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

CALL FOR DETAILS
MONONGAHELA 3 bedroom, 2 story home in a great area that's within walking distance to school, public transportation, and shopping! Bank owned-Make an offer! $52,900.

Century 21
FRONTIER REALTY
724-929-2180

DONORA
80 Thompson Ave. $49,000. 2 story frame house with covered front & back porch, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, carport, nice residential setting. Call O&P Realty at 724-225-7275.

3060/FOR SALE/WASH.

CALL FOR DETAILS
CHARLEROI Side by side duplex. Live in one, rent one. Separate utilities. Watch the Cougars play from your back porch! $34,900.
CHARLEROI Commercial property. Beautiful apartment on 2nd floor totally redone. 22x75 store room on 1st floor. 3rd floor has tons of potential. Call for more details. $55,000.
CHARLEROI Spacious is the word for this 3 bedroom, 2 story home. 1st floor laundry, private back yard. Must see! $69,900.

Century 21
FRONTIER REALTY
724-483-3004

3065/FOR SALE/WMLD.

ROSTRAVER-foreclosed property. 15 yr. old 3 bed ranch w/garage. $145,000 value, needs some attention. Buy for $119,900. Get $10,000 rebate at closing. Net cost $109,900. Call 1-508-947-6932

3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

New Listings
CHARLEROI
$167,700 100 Park Rd. WOW! Elegant 3 bedroom multi level just oozes w/cozy warmth. Nestled on a huge corner lot in Fallowfield Twp. Fully updated, plush wall to wall carpet, painted & papered to perfection. (Sherry Hora)

DONORA
$74,900 1043 Meldon Ave. A Must See! Spacious home w/tons of updates. 4 bedroom, 2 car detached garage. Move-in condition. (Linda Baldini)

$64,900 24 Fairview Dr. 2 bedroom 2 story w/all new exterior- roof, windows, siding. New electric, large 60x190 lot. Room for 3rd bedroom on 2nd floor. (Francis Puskaric)

ROSTRAVER
$400,000 208 Mohawk Luxurious one level living! Open floor plan, granite counters, hardwood floors, 9' ceilings, finished basement, huge covered concrete patio. Best of Everything! (Cathy Gallo)

SCOTTDALE
$24,900 613 Garfield St. Level, cleared building lot 77x146. All utilities available. Great Buy! (Linda Baldini)

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724-929-7228

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3066/FOR SALE/OTHER

LYNNWOOD
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WELCOME HOME
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3070/CONDOS

Cedar Hills Condos & Villas Inc.

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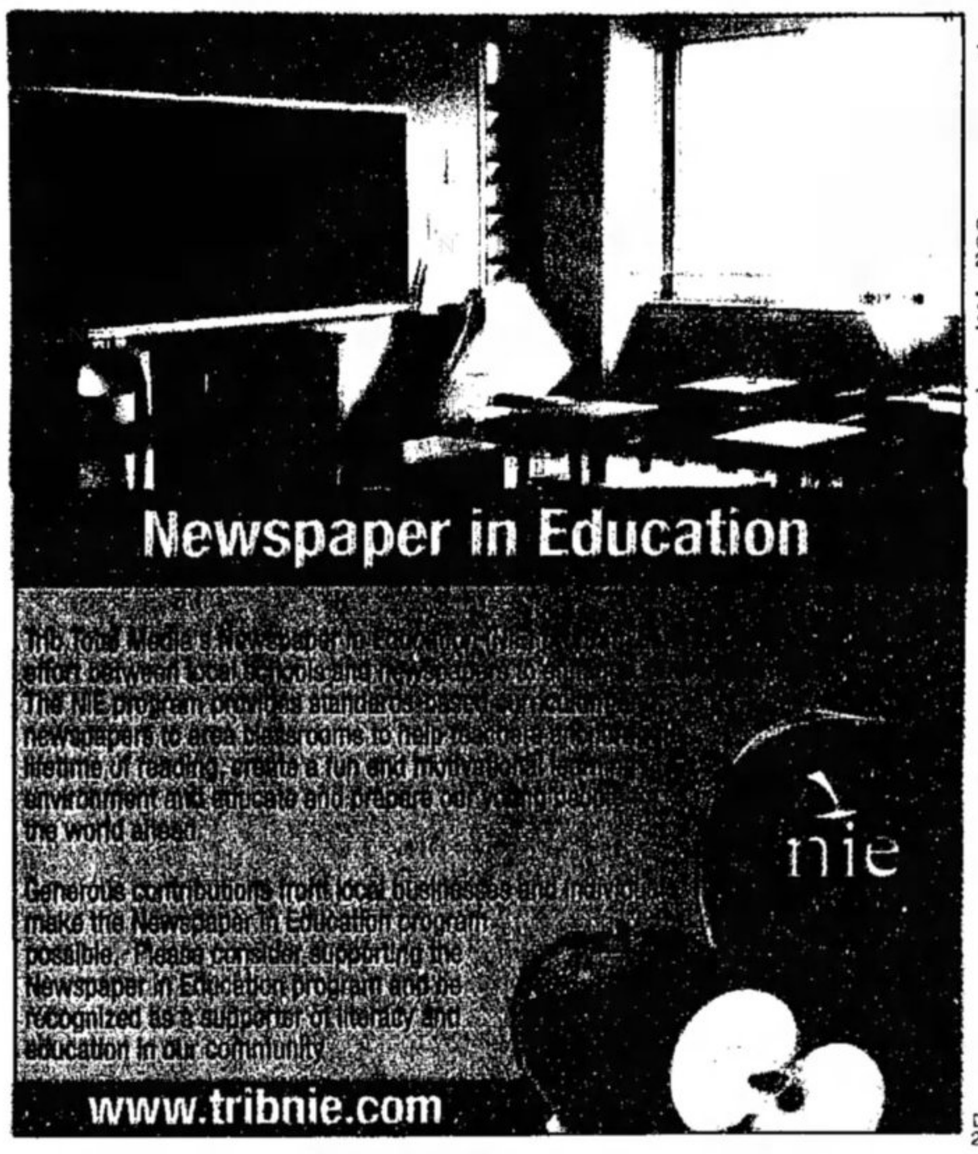

2030/MEETING NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Council of the City of Monongahela will hold a special meeting for general purposes on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 1:30 P.M. in Council Chambers, 449 West Main Street, Monongahela, PA.

Carole Foglia,
City Clerk
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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take notice that the Council of the Borough of Sutersville shall consider enacting an Ordinance electing to administer and enforce the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act; adopting the Uniform Construction Code as the municipal building code for the Borough of Sutersville; designating methods for the administration and enforcement of the code; establishing a Board of Appeals; permitting the collection of fees for enforcement of the code and repealing all ordinances or parts of prior ordinances that are inconsistent therewith at the regular meeting of the Council of the Borough of Sutersville to be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at the Borough Municipal Building located at 320 Municipal Avenue, Sutersville, PA 15083. A copy of the final text of the proposed Ordinance can be examined between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Borough Building.

Diane Smith, Secretary
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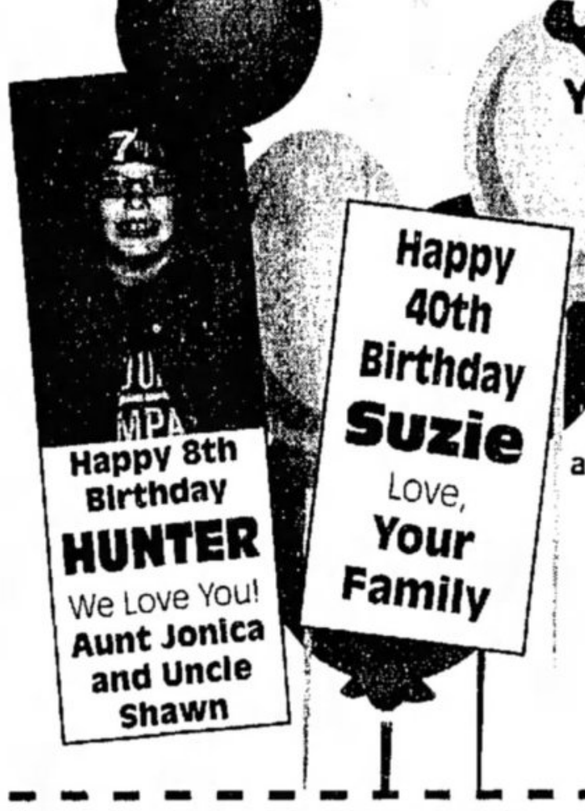

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